The World’s Smallest Political Quiz Scores Again!

by Jim Glennie

Fort Collins libertarians (with help from some Jefferson County libertarians) set up an outreach booth in City Park during Independence Day festivities. Using the format of a public opinion survey designed by Jim Lewis, over 200 participants checked off answers to 20 questions about personal and economic freedoms, each beginning with “Whose decision should it be ... my decision, the government decides, or not sure?” Larry Dodge’s questions were used and the results were posted on the “Diamond Chart” (Marshall Fritz’s version of the Nolan Chart).

The results ought to be extremely encouraging to those who love liberty. Those with high scores were asked if they already knew that their views were libertarian. Although some were aware of the Libertarian Party, most didn’t really feel comfortable with the traditional political labels, and were delighted to learn that there is a growing political party based on the belief that individuals, not government, ought to be in charge of making most of life’s decisions.

When asked where they would place the views of most politicians, a common response was to indicate the authoritarian and centrist area of the political map.

An example of how the day went is illustrated by a young student who, prior to completing the survey, said that he already knew what the results would be.
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Attention Denver area Libertarians: The Denver LP is planning outreach activities at two events in August: Taste of Colorado and the Bill of Rights exhibit. Call Ron Bain at 321-6780 if you can help!

Take the quiz yourself! Questions on page 8.
Greetings!

I hope this message finds you refreshed from the "holiday." The 4th is probably one of a Libertarian's favorite holidays!

Summer always makes us want to do more—perhaps it's the long days, or maybe the sunshine. But your state Board has indeed been trying to do more. Some of us are now petitioning for TABOR, or for election reform. We had our first organizational meeting for Weld County, with a small, but interested, turnout. July 4th in Fort Collins was a great success, in terms of exposure and education. And Mary Margaret now has several pages of new names to invite to the "Monday Night Party".

There's been other good happenings, as well. But I would like to make you aware of a very serious problem your Board is encountering. You guessed it—money. I'll be blunt: the Board has had to "subsidize" the party quite heavily lately, to the tune of hundreds of dollars. I personally covered the cost of meeting facilities, advertising, and personal invitations to the Greeley meeting. Most of the Board members cover the postage and phone bills when done from their residences. My monetary outlay has been small compared to the other board members, especially David and Joe. Without use of their personal funds, we would not have the CLiP-board as we know it, there would have been no T-shirts to sell at the People's Fair, nor money to run an information booth, and we wouldn't be able to pay the postage on our information packets.

What's my point, you ask? It's this: if you didn't have a board that could financially contribute, your state party would be close to dissolving. Does this mean you should choose board members based on their financial capabilities? What a hideous way to choose directors. What this means, in fact, is that we need your help. Few of you reading this are dues-paying members. That would be a start. Regular contributions are even better—even just $5 or $10 a month could transform this party into a much more effective organization. And now we have automatic withdrawal capability to make giving easy! But really, people, the board cannot subsidize party functions any longer.

Yes, the board is actively fundraising in some way all the time. And I have a special event "cooking" for the Bill of Rights Bicentennial Celebration, specifically to relieve the debt incurred from the Romer lawsuit.

But the backbone of any political organization is regular contributors. I work for a living, too—I have two children to raise, you know! Yes, a wider selection of T-shirts, bumper stickers, and leaflets is now available through the "CLP Curio Shop". See page 8 for details!

RAISE YOUR CHILDREN IN FREEDOM: EDUCATE THEM AT HOME

by Olivia C. Loria

Schools began in this country as rural one room schools, often religious and always private. Around the 1850's, compulsory education was established. The main reason for this was that factory owners needed factory workers who could tell time, count, read a little, and follow directions. We have continued with this factory model of education into education families is the increase in family bonding. Many families affirm that they really do like each other and enjoy being with each other. They feel that home education has strengthened their family unit.

The home education curriculum can be very individualized and include in depth study at any age. Families find that their student can cover more studies while at
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With the establishment of compulsory education, parents gave over to the State the responsibility to educate their children. Now, many parents want to take that responsibility back and home educate. Our educational freedom is guaranteed under the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It is our inalienable right to educate our children, not a privilege given by the State.

The Home Education Movement has grown over the last ten years in leaps and bounds. We now estimate that there are 30,000 home educated children in the state of Colorado and 1,500,000 home educated children in the United States.

Many families who home educate are finding that they thoroughly enjoy raising their children in freedom. They love the flexibility which is available to their family life. No longer do they need to center their family life around the schedule of the institution of school. They can live life on a daily basis the way that best suits them. Vacation times can be anytime of the year that they wish, not just during crowded school vacation times.

Another benefit most often cited by home educated students is the child's social skills increase because they are relating to people of all ages rather than a classroom full of children their own age.

Best of all, families are finding that their children are further developing as thinking individuals who are taking responsibility for their own education rather than automations who are comfortable only with following directions. Home educators tend to be a group of independent individualists, so this is a real bonus. If you have not already done so, you might consider educating your children at home in freedom.

Olivia C. Loria is the Director of Pinewood School which provides individualized curricula to home educators and helps parents to educate their children at home with a variety of services. She has been involved in alternative education for the last twenty-two years. She will be speaking at the August meeting of the Jefferson County Libertarians.
CUT Holds Convention

The Colorado Union of Taxpayers held its annual convention Saturday, 29 June. The program included election of officers for the coming year – Ray Walton was re-elected President – and a number of speakers including initiative sponsor Doug Bruce (shown above), Bumper Hornberger, Fred Holden, and State Sen. Jim Roberts. Lunch and late afternoon discussion groups provided an opportunity for attendees to network with members of other groups working on limiting taxes and government power.

Freedom School in Colorado

Kevin and Patricia Cullinane will be conducting their Freedom School in Colorado this fall. Freedom School is "an intensive, forty-hour seminar designed to vigorously exercise one's inherent ability to think reflectively". Discussion includes such topics as human nature and motivation, economic history, the nature of the state, and what one can do about personal and family prosperity and survival.

The Freedom School will be held on the weekends of 27-29 September and 4-6 October, at Dave Schumacher's home in Denver. The fee is $150, which includes books. A $75 deposit is required at the time of registration.

Hemp Rally at the Capitol

The Rocky Mountain H.E.M.P. Network will sponsor a Summer '91 Hemp Awareness Rally on the west steps of the state capitol in Denver on Saturday July 27, from noon to 4pm.

Speakers will include; Paul Danish, columnist for the Colorado Daily; Agu'a Das of the Biomass Energy Foundation; and Mike Trimble who will speak about medicinal uses.

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We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

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Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

Registration is limited – only about ten spots were left as of press time. If you are interested in participating, or for a more complete description of the course, call Mary Margaret at 303-484-8184.

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We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life --accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action --accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property --accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Article VII, Section 2

Election Reform.

(1) General provisions. This section takes effect December 31, 1992 or as stated. Its preferred interpretation shall reasonably strengthen citizen control of government the most. All provisions are self-executing and severable and supersede conflicting state constitutional, state statutory, charter, or other state or local provisions. Individual, class action, or district enforcement suits may be filed within three years of a violation. Successful parties are allowed costs and reasonable attorney fees, but a defendant district is not unless a suit be ruled frivolous.

(2) Term definitions. Within this section:

(a) “Ballot issue” means any pending state or local election issue to which the district is not unless a suit be ruled frivolous. The results of any mechanical production by clear and convincing evidence.

(b) “Compensation” means the district cost of government research performed after a petition filing is inadmissible. Amended protests, which are invalid only within 10 days after filing and only if invalid on their face, and unappealed findings become final 20 days after filing.

(3) Campaign contributions. When first filing, new local, state, or federal campaign committees may declare to the state or local election office a commitment to accept or possess donations only from natural persons. An unmarried natural person, or married natural persons filing a joint federal income tax return, shall receive a state income tax credit for the lesser sum of $100 or his, her, or their total annual cash gifts to all such committees.

(4) Term limits. No elected official shall serve more than two consecutive terms in an office, counting from a term starting after November 2, 1992, unless district voters set a different limit, or no limit, in a preceding election. Serving one year or more of a term of office shall be considered a term of office for purposes of this subsection. Terms are consecutive unless at least four years apart. Terms of office of elected officials that begin after 1994 shall not exceed four years. This subsection excludes offices subject to prior constitutional term limits.

(5) Pay increases. Unless they were approved by voters, compensation increases adopted after 1988 shall end no later than a current term of office. Compensation levels adopted hereafter may exceed the 1988 level only by inflation after 1988 or by district voter approval. Compensation first begun, or changed by district voters, after 1988 shall use the last level and starting date. For a governing body, its combined compensation shall be used. Except by district voter approval hereafter, pensions for elected officials shall not include service after their current term, and any other form of compensation paid or fully exempt from state or federal income tax shall end in 1994.

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For married natural persons filing separately, the upper limit is $50. This credit shall not transfer to other taxes, taxpayers, or tax years, or provide a refund that exceeds tax liability. It shall be printed on all 1993 and later tax returns and the general assembly shall adjust it every two years for inflation or more.

No declarant committee shall directly or indirectly assist or donate to another campaign committee. Donations include cash, $25, to support or oppose, or create or distribute information on, a ballot issue. No reorganization or name change shall avoid this mandatory suspension.

(b) Except as provided herein, no elected official or district employee shall request, authorize, aid, or engage in the use of district paid employee time, facilities, materials, credit, or other resources with a total retail value over $25 to create or distribute literature or a report, even if now authorized by law, that directly or indirectly discusses a ballot issue. No elected official or district employee shall request, authorize, aid, or engage in any discussion of a ballot issue with, or distribution of ballot issue literature to, any student through grade 12 while on school property during a period one hour before through one hour after school hours. District resources may otherwise be used for single replies, or on direct or indirect discussion on any about the issue, to requests for factual data on district operations; to administer the petition and election process with all required notices; to keep public records; for acts that may incidentally identify ballot issues in the usual course of district duties; and for campaign meetings if facilities are made equally available to all sides.

(c) No elected official shall vote for a district resolution or statement commenting directly or indirectly on any ballot issue, nor use district funds to prepare or mail to constituents in any 12 months more than 250 unsolicited pamphlets, surveys, or letters that refer to any political beliefs or actions or solicit any political support. Replies to constituents are exempt.

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With a protest, to be filed within 15 days after petition filing, entries or sections may be amended or declared invalid only within the period in which the district held the election. Petition sections containing at least 25% of the minimum number of signatures required may be stored in stages with the election officer until filed. Absent a protest, entries or sections may be declared invalid only within 10 days after filing and only if invalid on their face, and unappealed findings become final 20 days after filing.

With a protest, to be filed within 15 days after petition filing, entries or sections may be declared invalid only for reasons specified with particularity in a written protest as to them, and only at a public hearing limited to those reasons and governed by judicial rules of evidence and procedure. On all issues, protests have the burden of proof and of production by clear and convincing evidence. The results of any mechanical reading of entries or, except as provided herein, of government research performed after a petition filing are inadmissible. Amended protests are prohibited. For good cause, a protest hearing officer or any district court shall appoint a substitute hearing officer. Findings
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c) "District" means the state or any local government.

d) "Elected official" means a state or local non-judicial officer elected, appointed, or succeeding to an elective office.

e) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder, all items, all urban consumers, or its successor index.

(3) Reapportionment reforms. For all legislative reapportionments after 1998, the senate shall have 33 members and the house of representatives 66 members. Each senate area shall consist of two adjoining house of income tax returns and the general assembly shall adjust it every two years for inflation or more. No declarant committee shall directly or indirectly assist or donate to another campaign committee. Donations include cash, cash equivalents, loans of either, or substitute purchases, but not contributions in kind or services. The general assembly shall enact civil and criminal laws to enforce and protect this campaign funding alternative.

(7) Election protections.

(a) For the next four years thereafter, no districts shall belong or give public money, directly or indirectly, to any Colorado organization of governments that after 1991 organized or indirectly uses its name, or uses paid employee time, facilities, materials, credit, or other resources with a total retail value over

(b) Changes in state petition law and procedure enacted after 1988 without voter approval are hereby repealed. Start this process by those changes are restored to the extent they are consistent with this section.

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(2) The right to petition peaceably on district-owned property in a place then open to the general public shall not be infringed. Initiative, referendum, and recall petition powers shall apply in all districts as to district matters. Required signatures of registered electors in a district for all initiatives, referendums, or statewide recall signatures shall equal 5% of the number of district votes cast for all candidates for secretary of state in the last election for that office, and 10% in an elected official's represented area for a local recall petition. No elected official shall undergo more than one recall election per term, but districts shall provide no campaign reimbursement. Petitions may be filed at any time up to 9 months after district delivery of petition sections. State initiative and referendum petitions may be filed at any time up to 3 months before the election. Qualified state and local petitions filed after their pre-election deadline shall be voted on in the first election after that election. Title-setting boards shall open to public participation and available at least every 10 days. With 5 days public notice, petitioners may have a ballot title set by any district court. Appeals of petition ballot titles to the supreme court may be filed at any time up to 5 days after being set, and decided within 10 more days. The ballot title and text of a petition shall appear once in each section, but no summary or statement of financial impact. Districts shall print and deliver sections at their expense within 10 days after final title setting in a quantity allowing at least twice the minimum number of required signatures. Petitions shall not be penalized for district errors in section form or content. Petitioners may print additional sections at their expense.

(b) Unless district voters set a different number, exceptions to the referendum petition power may be added each calendar year to no more than 8 district measures that become laws or regulations. A 2/5 majority roll call vote of the members of each house of the general assembly or of a local district board shall declare each such exception necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. Appropriations for district support and maintenance are also exempt from referendum petitions. No measure shall be re-enacted in substance, even
It's time to make plans for the 1992 elections. In order to achieve our major goal of electing Libertarians to public office, we need a full slate of candidates. And three ingredients are essential if we intend to put Libertarian names on the next general election ballot: candidates, signatures, and money.

The National LP will nominate a presidential candidate on Saturday, August 31. We need people to run for the other offices that will be up for grabs. If you are even remotely interested in running for office in 1992, please call the CLP office at 303-837-9393. We'll help you contact people who will build your campaign organization, get your name on the ballot, and win!

Because the state doesn't yet recognize us as a "political party", we must gather signatures on nominating petitions to put our candidates' names on the ballot. Our next big push to collect those signatures will commence in September — we need 5,000 valid signatures to obtain ballot status for the presidential nominee. Get involved now! Call your affiliate representative and indicate that you are willing to help with the petitioning process. Or call Keith Hamburger at 719-471-8880. Keith is co-ordinating the statewide petitioning effort.

The third essential ingredient in the recipe for electoral success is money. Hard work will get your name on the ballot, but you'll need cash to make the public aware of who you are. Even if you don't want to run and can't circulate petitions, you can probably afford to send a few bucks to the CLP. If you're a registered Libertarian who hasn't been
Since last month, we've obtained the names of about sixty-five new prospects. Mary Margaret and her friends in Fort Collins got forty new names on the 4th of July. Another 16 people have called the office to request information. And eight or nine new people showed up at the party at my house. Thanks to all of you who are helping to broaden our membership base. Now if only all sixty-five of those new people would join the party by sending in their dues...

Yours in Liberty,

David C. Bryant

Common Law Seminar

Kevin Bloom of Boulder County and Thane Eichenauer of Jefferson County have arranged for Jeff Michener of the Constitutional Rights Study Group to conduct a seminar on the Common Law, Wednesday, 7 August, in Boulder.

The seminar will be held from 7pm to 10pm in the assembly hall of the Rocky Mountain Peace Center, 1520 Euclid Street, and is free to all who want to attend.

Some of the subjects will include taxes, "what to do if you're stopped by the police", and "why bother to get a marriage license". For more information, contact Thane Eichenauer at 440-9825.
"Women in Libertarianism" Conference a Success

CLIPboard
July 1991

Conference Attracts Enthusiastic Participation

by Tonie Nathan

Of the many conferences available to libertarians, *Women in Libertarianism*, held in Fort Collins (June 21-23), was one of the best, according to many attendees. It was so good, in fact, that several of the women attending want to do something similar at the national Presidential Nominating Convention in and were given the opportunity to respond to the women. Joe Dehn, editor of the CLIPboard, said that while he was happy to cooperate with any gathering of libertarians, he didn't think it was particularly "useful" to make generalizations about men or women since life requires that people deal with each other on an individual basis. Lloyd Stark of Oregon said he felt a sense of real celebration.

On these pages, comments by participants in the June 1991 "Women in Libertarianism" conference in Ft. Collins.

LeRoy Lloyd:
The Libertarian Women's Conference held in Fort Collins, Colorado, Mary Margaret's bastion of Libertarianism, was a most enjoyable experience. My wife hinted that it might be nice if I attended with her, after all I needed a vacation. The appealing idea of seeing the Rockies again won out. However, the real majestic heights were in the conference. My first thoughts were for self protection against male bashing, but I really found that these were libertarian women in truth and did not believe in violence. They displayed sensitivity toward each other and the men who attended. I find it difficult to elevate any single speaker above the rest, each in her own way was eloquent. Barbara Branden proved to be a lightning rod for ideas, but Jan Prince sounded the common thread of the meeting with the "King Arthur and the Black Knight Tale" - "All that I do for women, I do for men." The meeting's purpose was to further women's understanding of liberty as a way to improve the lives of all.

Bumper Hornberger:
The Women in Libertarianism conference reminded us of the vitally important role which women play in advancing libertarianism. Mary Margaret's dedication to liberty - and her great organizing skills - and the participation of women from all across the country - continue the legacy of liberty begun by Ayn Rand, Isabel Paterson, and Rose Wilder Lane. Great job!

Patricia Cullinane:
More than 50 attendees from 15 states recently shared and deepened ideas for increasing women's influence upon society during Mary Margaret's well-conceived, well-executed, *Women in Libertarianism* conference in Fort Collins. Freedom-oriented methodologies from a talented array of speakers were evaluated during the formal presentations.
several of the women attending want to do something similar at the national Presidential Nominating Convention in Chicago this end of August. Whether space and time can be arranged at this late date is unknown, but plans are in the works. (For more information, check with Mary Margaret at 303-484-8184.)

Among the high spots of the conference were Jan Prince, who illustrated how fear of the future encourages people to accept state authority (because it will take care of them); Joan Kennedy Taylor’s documentation of abortions forced on unwilling mothers; many helpful hints on rearing libertarian children by Mary Gingell and others; and Patricia Cullinane’s account of the formation of her very successful private school.

During Cullinane’s presentation, she revealed details of her family’s own personal harrassment by the state in connection with their harboring of a mother and three children who were in hiding from an abusive father. Cullinane recounted the horror of waking up to the sound of helicopters, loud voices, and being confronted with weapons as the FBI invaded their home and seized the children. The same occurrence was repeated by the IRS which pounced on them later.

Barbara Branden’s presence throughout the conference helped put various topics in perspective and provoked new thought on many topics.

Norma Jean Almodovar’s description of surviving life in prison was both entertaining and informative. Her book, “From Cop to Call Girl”, is due out soon.

Why there are not more women in the libertarian movement was a major question which arose time and time again throughout the conference but evoked no final answer.

Some 18 men attended the conference that people deal with each other on an individual basis. Lloyd Stark of Oregon said he felt a “sense of real celebration” and that the conference helped “us define ourselves as people”. Joe Hutchinson of Colorado said at other meetings of feminists he had attended he had experienced hostility and felt “like meat on a spit” but this conference was “positive”. He said the women present “had their act together”.

Andre Marrou, who seeks the LP presidential nomination, was present throughout the conference and, while refusing to discuss politics (“I’m here to listen and learn”), he participated in the men’s final summary. He said the biggest mistake women make is to assume men have no emotions. He also urged more women to run for office.

Of the meeting with the “King Arthur and the Black Knight Tale” — “All that women want is sovereignty”. Isn’t that what each of us desires regardless of gender?

Though the schedule was busy, it did allow for time to make new friends and have the typical conversations that always occur when Libertarians gather. The exhilarating evening at the Mischawaka Inn, along the Poudre River, was just such an example. The river nearly over flowed with ideas and comments about liberty. Again this happened on Sunday evening, when the diehard attendees were invited to Mary Margaret’s home, which can best be described as a scene from a Robert Heinlein novel where clandestine meetings occurred plotting FREEDOM NOW!

Jan Prince moderates the panel of “Friends and Mates of Libertarian Men”; seated, from left: Vicki Kirkland, Karen Allard, Mary Gingell, Patricia Cullinane.

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Collins. Freedom-oriented methodologies from a talented array of speakers were evaluated during the formal presentations and informal get-togethers.

More ideas and more people than any one of us presently knows are at work within the libertarian revolution. It became apparent that, if women are to be the “light-bearers” for this dynamic philosophy, we have an imperative need to network and to deepen our understanding of the historic principles (i.e., natural laws of human nature) which form the basis of genuine freedom.

Meeting with others, who like myself have been in the movement even before it became organized politically, was fun; it was particularly interesting and enjoyable to participate in the exchange between us “old-guard” and the fine-thinking young women who are going to be carrying this dynamic movement well into the 21st Century.

Bravo for the women! (And for the gentlemen brave enough to attend!!) Let’s hear it for Mary Margaret, and let’s work to make it happen again, when and wherever we can.
Some great ideas were generated over the course of this weekend in Fort Collins... but work calls. I will try to post something by Wednesday, and hope that other Libernets present, such as Mr. Dehn, will do the same.

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Well, I don't know about 'great ideas', but I think it was a reasonably enjoyable conference. As I said at the meeting, I am all for anything that gives libertarians a chance to talk to each other about whatever concerns them, and I was happy that I was seeing someone else was coming to somewhere close to where I live so that I don't have to do the travelling!

On the other hand, if it was supposed to address any real questions about 'women in libertarianism', I personally find it somewhat of a disappointment.

But first an incomplete review of some of the highlights of the program:

Another interesting feature of the meeting was a 'get acquainted' session (actually ended up being a bunch of separate sessions because there wasn't time all at once) in which all non-speaker attendees were invited (well, more than invited, but not coerced) to introduce themselves. I have seen similar kinds of things tried at other conferences, but not done quite as thoroughly as in this case. Probably only works in a relatively small meeting (attendance was on the order of 50).

Perhaps most disappointing were the two panels which could best have addressed the 'problem' of women and libertarianism (assuming there is one). One was called 'Friends and Mates of Libertarian Men', which I expected would feature friends and mates who were not themselves libertarians, to give us an 'outsider's' but (in other ways insider's) perspective. Or at least that some of the panelists would be in that category. But all four panelists were libertarians (three were LNC members!). Similarly, I expected the panel on 'Non-Libertarian Women' to feature complete outsiders; there turned out to be only one panelist, who while not a self-proclaimed libertarian is pretty close, and is also the mate of a libertarian man. I understand that getting the people I would have preferred to hear from have been difficult to arrange, and this is not meant so much as a complaint as advice for anyone planning on putting on a similar conference in the future - if you want to address that kind of issue, put some extra planning into recruiting those kinds of speakers.

Oh yes, there were a few 'vendor' tables. Most elaborate were 'Libertarians for Life' and a magazine called 'SALON: A Journal of Aesthetics' (a libertarian oriented arts magazine published in Ft. Collins). Andre Marrou had a few brochures and buttons on a table, and various other people put out piles of various other literature informally.

As for how well the overall topic was addressed, I think it depends on one's opinion about what the topic was, whether there is a 'problem' relating to women and libertarianism and why one goes to conferences. Personally, I didn't find much new relating to the topic - there were some interesting new things that had nothing to do specifically with women (I'd say most of the formal talks were in this category, actually), and there were a bunch of things discussed about women (or their relationships with men) they didn't seem to have much to do with libertarianism. There were only a few things that related directly to women _as_ libertarians, but none of them were mentioned in this talk.

I'm sure other attendees found other things of value. There were probably a few women who felt it a good opportunity to get some public speaking experience talking to a relatively sympathetic audience, and although the majority were experienced speakers (of the ones personally know this is the case, and the others certainly gave that impression), this was not an 'audience-friendly' meeting.

And of course for everyone it was what all conferences are - a chance to get together with others with similar interests, see old friends, make new friends (and perhaps a few enemies?), 'network' people involved in various activities, etc.

There was a small-but-strong portion of the audience very interested in issues of concern to mothers. As one woman introduced herself, she was a fulltime mother (not a homemaker, housewife or mom). Parenting issues, as addressed in the speech by Mary Gingell, or in the speech by Patricia Cullinan, such as schooling and its alternative forms, provided one strand of thought which flowed through the whole conference.

Jan Prince gave a very thoughtful talk on fear and how it limits women. She started off with a very positive fable, where women were winners, and helped empower our thinking.

Finally, seeing the Lloyd family from Ohio; meeting Lexy Dillon, a new and wonderful, vibrant friend from Denver; talking with the Dehns and two great men from Colorado; these sorts of encounters with Libertarians was the "protein" and the fellowship of the event. Like Joe says, getting libertarians together and talking is great news - and nourishing.

I can't wait till the next time - and I hope next time, as we expand and progress, women with opposing or alternative views will be invited to discuss/argue with us. So convinced that libertarian thought is correct, I would say the
Toni Black says Libertarian women are extraordinary; at right, Region 1 LNG Rep. Karen Allard.

Joan Kennedy Taylor talked about the individualist tradition in feminism (in the old days). Karen Allard gave a talk titled "Developing a Thick Skin" based on her recent experiences with certain libertarian activists — I suspect that different people got rather different things out of that one depending on whether they knew who she was talking about!

A couple of the talks related to education: Mary Gingell on "Thoughts on Raising Libertarian Children", and Patricia Cullinane on "Touch Tomorrow: Teach the Children" in which she discussed both educational philosophy and her personal experiences in establishing and running various schools.

Other main speakers: Jan Prince on "Fear and How It Imprisons Us"; our own marlab@microsoft.com on "Party Building and Growth as It Affects Woman"; Toni Black on "We Are Extraordinary" (about the women currently active in the LP and the libertarian movement), Pat Hartman on "Preaching to the Converted", and Tonie Nathan on "Libertarian Women and Leadership".

Kind of a "lowlight" as far as I was concerned was the talk by Barbara Branden. This was effectively the keynote speech (Friday evening), and I'm not sure quite what her overall point was supposed to be. She of course had comments about Ayn Rand, but mostly it was about how men and women do/should treat each other. The trouble with this was that although she said all kinds of reasonable-sounding things, she kept referring to men and women as groups, giving a bizarre collectivist tone to what she was saying. And she kept saying "we" in reference to women (and it seemed clear she was addressing the women in the audience), as in "we should understand men's feelings better" (not necessarily an exact quote, just an example of the sort of thing). I found this kind of offensive, but didn't say anything out loud. Natalie (my wife) couldn't take it, and got into an argument with her, after which she (Brandon) started inserting things like "this is only a generalization of course" into her sentences. But she still said "we". I kept thinking to myself: This person is somehow supposed to be the vicar of the author of _Anthem_?...

Women in Libertarianism group photo: 8"x10" color print, $12 incl. postage.
Colorado Libertarian Calendar

Denver 20 July
Convention delegates meeting, 2pm, 3751 E. Dartmouth Ave.

Denver 27 July
H.E.M.P. rally at state capitol, noon; call 239-6410 for info.

Colorado Springs 3 August
Monthly meeting; call 495-0609 for location.

Denver 6 August
Monthly meeting, 7:30pm (eat at 7:00), Healthy Habits Restaurant, 865 S. Colorado Blvd; 321-6780 for info.

Ft. Collins 6 August
Breakfast meeting, 7am, Tony's restaurant, 224 S. College Ave.

Boulder 7 August
Common Law seminar; speaker: Jeff Michener, 7-10pm, assembly hall of Rocky Mtn. Peace Center, 1520 Euclid St; call 232-7753 for info.

Aspen 10 August
CLP Board of Directors meeting; call 303-493-8627 for info.

Lakewood 14 August
Jefferson County meeting; speaker: Olivia Loria on "Raise your children in freedom - Educate at home!", 7pm, 1090 S. Wadsworth, 233-8037 for info.

Ft. Collins 19 August
Third Monday party, 7pm at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Drive; 484-8184.

Political Quiz

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One very attractive aspect of this outreach program is that it's fun. The people were in a good mood, they were easy to talk to about liberty, and it was a positive experience for everyone. Many were eager to sign the tax limitation and election reform petitions at a nearby table, also staffed by libertarians. Participants received a brochure and other flyers about liberty issues and 44 signed up to receive information about joining the Libertarian Party.

Quiz Questions

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:
- Wear a seatbelt or helmet?
- Own a gun?
- Become a soldier?
- Help the needy?
- Pay for sex?
- Have a baby?
- Smoke dope?
- Send your child to school?
- Swim nude?
- Buy a pornographic book or video?

(Count each answer 10 for "my decision", zero for "government decides", 5 for "not sure"; total is "personal self-governor score").

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:
- Work for $2.00 an hour?
- Buy a Japanese car?
- Play cards for money?
- Hire an unlicensed contractor?
- Compete with the Post Office?
- Hire a minority worker?
- Invest in a risky business?
- Give to a needy corporation?
- Contribute to the defense of a foreign country?
- Pay Taxes?

(Count each answer 10 for "my decision", zero for "government decides", 5 for "not sure"; total is "economic self-governor score").

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