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LP Scores at Town Hall Meeting

by Larry Hoffenberg

We all know that when placed on an equal footing with the two major parties, the Libertarian Party can not only hold its own, but it can best its rivals. Such was the case on March 16th, when Colorado LP Chairman David Aitken joined five other political leaders at a "Town Hall Meeting" sponsored by KNUS radio. Talk show host Bob Heckler was moderator for the three hour event, broadcast live from the Westin Tabor Hotel in Denver.

Judging from the applause for Aitken, the audience was highly appreciative of the Libertarian perspective. Aitken consistently scored points by espousing individual liberty, personal responsibility, the right to bear arms, privatization of schools, and other Libertarian ideals.

Colorado Taxpayers Party Chairman Doug Campbell also was very well received, but representatives of the Democratic, Republican, and Communist Parties were clearly on the defensive throughout the evening. The United We Stand America delegate fared respectably well.

In fact, the audience reacted so favorably to the positions of the Libertarian and Taxpayers Parties that one dissenter claimed the audience was stacked, which host Bob Heckler immediately refuted. (The free event was open to the general public and had been well publicized on KNUS for several weeks.)

Now, if we can only get the League of Women Voters to include the next Libertarian presidential candidate in their debates.....



David Aitken (Libertarian), Mike Hesse (Republican), Gilbert Montoya (Communist), Dennis Meyl (United We Stand, America), and Doug Campbell (Taxpayers) listen to host Bob Heckler. Photo by Larry Hoffenberg.

Kopel to Receive Award

State Reps. Clark, Pfiffner to Speak at Right to Bear Arms Rally

Representatives Drew Clark, Boulder County Republican and concealed carry reform sponsor, and Penn Pfiffner, Lakewood Republican and former LP State Chair, will address the Libertarian Party's second annual Right to Bear Arms Rally.

Featured speaker David Kopel will be presented with the LP's 1993 Friend of Liberty Award. Kopel, attorney, Director of the Independence Institute's 2nd Amendment Project, and author of the acclaimed book, *The Samurai, the Mountie, and the Cowboy*, is one of the country's most knowledgeable and eloquent experts on 2nd Amendment issues.

KHNC talk show host Norm Resnick and Firearms Coalition head Bill Pittman are among the other confirmed speakers. The rally takes place at the State Capitol on Sunday, April 17, from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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From the Editor

by Richard G. Combs

If you're heartened by the current "get tough with criminals" vogue and like the idea of "three strikes and you're out," I urge you to pick up the March issue of *The American Spectator*, R. Emmett Tyrell, Jr.'s irreverent journal of conservative opinion.

TAS's New York correspondent, William Tucker offers some sobering thoughts on this fashionable idea in an article entitled "Three Strikes and You're Dead." He argues convincingly that it is important to have a sentencing differential between crimes of different severity, and critically important that there be such a differential for murder. Tucker makes his argument as part of his advocacy of the death penalty, but it holds water regardless of how you feel about that matter.

If a criminal faces life imprisonment for rape or armed robbery, and faces the same life sentence for murder, he has everything to gain and nothing to lose by killing his victims. "Three strikes and you're out" is likely to cause a significant rise in the homicide rate, not exactly the result its advocates intended.

"Be careful what you wish for," someone once said. "You might get it."

The only practical solution to this dilemma, to my mind, is to have a significant number of armed, peaceful citizens on the streets, prepared to administer the death penalty at the point where there can be no doubt that it is being applied to the right person and for good reason.

To the Editor:

I am searching for a potential Lt. Governor candidate to run with me in the upcoming election.

The Libertarian Party was a great help to me in my run for State Senate, and I would like to have a running mate that loves the Constitution as much as I do, and despises the Socialist trend of the Clintonistas as much as I do.

I am a loose cannon in this race, totally without party affiliation, and sick to death of the "Brave New World" mentality in Washington.

I think we should secede from the Union and establish the Constitutional Republic of Colorado, following the U.S. Constitution as written except for the 16th Amendment, which was never ratified, and putting power back to the local level where it belongs.

I also need a treasurer who understands the standard party reporting forms designed to inhibit Independent candidates, and some help in filing suit against Natty Meyer to allow the Independent more time to gather signatures.

If you would like more information, I can be reached during the day at (303) 289-2624.

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Affiliate News

— Aurora —

Libertarians in Aurora are planning to appeal their suit alleging Aurora's violation of Amendment 1, since the court ruled in favor of the city recently. (See story on page 4.)

The Aurora affiliate will be putting its efforts into expanding its membership by getting a good meeting place, scheduling speakers that will attract visitors, and encouraging members to bring friends along to the meetings.

— Boulder —

Science fiction author L. Neil Smith addressed the BCLP last month on gun control and the media. Smith criticized the media for playing up images of violent crime in order to drum up public support for gun control, and claimed that there is an unhealthy relationship between the media and politicians.

Nederland Libertarian Judd Ptak has been opposing the county's plan to encourage recycling by subsidizing trash pickup. He has also been suggesting changes to new county zoning regulations to mitigate some of their most restrictive provisions. Ptak is considering running for State Senate district 13 this fall.

— Denver —

The March meeting of Denver Libertarians featured John Voss, Director of the National Commodity and Barter Association. Voss kept the audience spellbound as he chronicled the long history of IRS abuses and harassment against NCBA. Voss and several co-defendants are scheduled to go on trial later this year for the crime of accepting checks from people and turning them into Federal Reserve Notes.

The crowd stayed well beyond the usual ending time for Denver meetings, asking Voss many questions about the Federal Reserve System, the IRS, and NCBA's past legal triumphs over the latter. The Fully Informed Jury Association, of which Voss and his wife, Sharon, are supporters, also came up for discussion. Chairman Richard Combs suggested that, once a firm trial date is known, it might be possible to arrange for some FIJA activists to pamphleteer the courthouse on the appropriate days.

Other business covered at the meeting included the April 17 Right to Bear Arms Rally. David Segal emphasized the critical importance of turning out a large crowd for that event. First, the 2nd Amendment is in increasing danger throughout the country. Second, the rally is a significant opportunity for the LP to reach out to people who may be sympathetic to our ideas. Third, the rally can, if successful, further enhance the party's credibility among other groups as an effective organization and a useful ally.

— Jefferson County —

The Jeffco group is still publishing its monthly newsletter, distributing FIJA flyers every Monday in front of the courthouse, and operating its "Jefferson Forum" speakers

series. In March, David Kopel spoke on the topic of asset seizures.

— Southern Colorado Libertarian Party —

The newly organized Southern Colorado Libertarian Party, a coalition of Fremont and El Paso county libertarians, is actively pursuing several petition drives:

Doug Bruce is heading a petition drive to stop city funding for a convention center/arena in Colorado Springs, and to sell off other city-owned assets. Other local libertarians are working on a petition to impeach President Clinton, a petition to recall an El Paso County Commissioner, and a petition demanding that the Colorado congressional delegation substantiate the constitutionality of a nationalized health care plan.

The group is working on two political campaigns, cooperating with Doug Bruce in raising money for the Election Reform Amendment campaign, and fighting a proposed zoning ordinance in eastern El Paso County.

Finally, efforts to build a stronger local organization include a series of informal education sessions, and a planned outreach booth at the Black Forest Festival in June.

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This commitment helps us maintain our principles and provides us with a measuring stick to determine if we have strayed from our common goal: a society where all relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation.

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Aurora Wins Round One of Vote Battle

by Larry Hoffenberg

Arapahoe County District Court Judge Thomas Levi ruled in favor of the City of Aurora in a suit filed over alleged violations of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) during the November 2nd municipal election.

In an 11-page opinion, Judge Levi dismissed the suit and ruled that Aurora fully complied with TABOR. Citing conflicts with other provisions of the Colorado Constitution and existing case law, Levi ruled that several of the plaintiff's interpretations of TABOR and resulting claims were "...unjust and unreasonable" and "must be avoided."

The suit, filed on November 1st, claimed the election was invalid because of failure to comply with several key election requirements of TABOR (Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.)

Deficiencies charged in the suit include: improper consolidation of tax increase and debt questions; failure to include statements of opposition to the Ballot Questions in the official election notice; failure to specify future amounts of tax and rate increases; and other substantive and technical violations. The suit sought repudiation of the two Ballot Questions approved by voters.

The plaintiffs will appeal the ruling to the Court of Appeals, or possibly directly to the Colorado Supreme Court if deemed advisable. The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear an appeal of a similar suit brought against the Boulder Valley School District.

Despite the pending suit, Aurora proceeded with the .25% increase in the city sales tax effective January 1st, but has held off actually spending the funds until now. Voters had approved the tax increase specifically to fund the hiring of additional police officers.

Aurora is waiting for appeals to be exhausted before it issues the \$5 million in bonds approved by voters for completing the construction of the city's jail. The pending lawsuit would have to be disclosed in the bond prospectus, adding a significant cloud of concern to potential investors.

Larry Hoffenberg is one of the plaintiffs in this case.

Nederland Libertarian Defies INS

by Richard G. Combs

Trygve Bauge came to the United States from Norway in 1980. He is a long-time Nederland resident whose accomplishments include the following:

- ⇒ Founder of the Polar Bear Club and world record ice bather (1hr. and 4 min. in 32° water).
- ⇒ Designer of affordable fire- and earthquake-proof housing.
- ⇒ Developer of a life extension center / retreat and cryonic storage facility.
- ⇒ Author of numerous publications on libertarian issues, life extension, and holistic health practices.
- ⇒ Founder of the Alien Anti-Defamation League and Universal Liberty, a "privately owned international political organization" promoting free trade and travel, along with other libertarian principles.

As of the end of February, he is also a self-described "fugitive from injustice," sought by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for immediate deportation.

Bauge's visa expired in 1987, and he has been battling the INS ever since. In January, the INS ordered him to appear at their office on February 25th, with no more than 44 pounds of luggage, for "voluntary deportation."

Bauge thumbed his nose at the INS, notifying them that he was defying the order and could be found at his mother's residence. When no one had come for him by the beginning of March, he announced he was mailing the INS a map to the place, explaining that "I believe in facing all dangers head on and in the open."

Bauge has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court for a stay of the deportation order. He has also written the President and various other public officials, and has requested the help of the media, fellow libertarians, and other sympathetic, fair-minded individuals. *Colorado Daily* columnist Paul Danish penned a strong defense of Bauge that appeared on March 2.

Anyone wishing to help Bauge should call or write the White House, their elected representatives, other public officials, and the Denver INS office (303-371-5028). Supporters can reach Bauge at 303-258-0777.



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IRS Victim Carol Ward on "Geraldo"

by Richard G. Combs

Colorado Springs Libertarian Carol Ward will appear on the April 15 "Geraldo" show, sharing with a nationwide audience her story of IRS terrorism and Stalinist bureaucracy run amok. The agency attempted to destroy her family because she made the mistake of provoking an IRS agent.

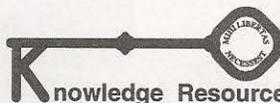
Ward came to the attention of the CLP, and vice versa, during last year's state convention in Crestone. Her world had just been shattered. With no warning—no correspondence, no request for documents, no examination—agents flashing guns and badges burst into her son's three retail shops and seized them. They also seized the family's bank accounts and put a tax lien on her mother's home. She was, to put it mildly, distraught. She was looking for someone who would listen to her and help end this nightmare.

Someone told Ward she should go to Crestone and tell the Libertarians her story, and she did, concretizing the usual libertarian abstractions about government evils with a moving tale of human tragedy. When "Bumper" Hornberger, in his typically stirring speech, insisted that some of our opponents are not just misguided, but *evil*, Ward cried out in witness of the truth he spoke: "They *are* evil! They're not even *human*! I've looked in their eyes, and they're like shark eyes!" It was quite a moment.

Ward and her son, Tristan, were the victims of a "jeopardy assessment," the most dreaded and rarely used IRS enforcement procedure. This method of collection suspends all the victim's constitutional rights on the grounds that the assets in question may be spirited away before the government can claim them. It is never used against retailers because they can't hide! Besides, shutting down a store ensures that there will be no further revenue from which to collect.

How had this unusual and senseless situation come about? Ward had accompanied her son to an IRS examination of his records, and became upset by the revenue agent's behavior. She accused the agent of unethical behavior, and threatened to report her to her superiors. The agent decided to get even.

The offended agent fabricated a drug dealer profile of Ward, and thus got permission for a jeopardy assessment of \$324,000. For the next several months, the agency fought to cover its institutional backside, knowing full well that Carol and Tristan Ward were the victims of an act of pure vengeance.



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Ward fought hard, contacting various elected officials and appearing on talk shows around the country. Sen. Hank Brown's office helped, asking for a full investigation. Chief of staff Bill Brack told her, "The BCCI group was treated better than you."

The levy was finally determined to be wrongful. The IRS declared that Ward owed not \$324,000, but \$4000. With penalties and interest, it came to \$8400. Adding insult to injury, they tacked on the cost of the seizure! That made the total \$12,000, and Ward's lawyer advised her not to fight it.

At first, however, the agency would not accept payment or release the levies until she and Tristan signed a waiver agreeing not to sue the agency or its employees. They refused, and under growing pressure, the IRS finally caved in. It was a rare instance of strong and brave people prevailing against a tyrannical agency that usually destroys all opposition.

Earlier this year, having finally gotten her life back together, Carol Ward paid state and national LP membership dues for herself and her son, and pledged that she would be an active Libertarian for the rest of her life.

Carol Ward's talk show appearances continue. She always urges others to contact her, and has heard many other horror stories as a result. She is an articulate and passionate witness to the horror of a terrorist agency in an increasingly authoritarian government. "This isn't about money," she argues. "It's about power and its misuse. Our country is at war with itself. The parasite is destroying the host."

She will be sharing thoughts like that, you can be sure, with the millions who watch "Geraldo" on April 15.

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LARRY DODGE. After three colorful and exciting statewide campaigns for public office in Montana, photographer / post-card publisher / sociologist, Larry Dodge, in 1989 initiated "FIJA", the Fully Informed Jury Association. FIJA's goal is, literally, to transfer power back from government to the people, by educating all Americans in their little known right to judge the law itself, along with the facts of the case, when serving as trial jurors. Larry has some "amazing stories" about the Branch Davidians' trial (and other trials) and about progress toward FIJA legislation. Jury veto power is advocated in the national (and several state) Libertarian Party platforms as a powerful "check and balance" upon government.



ERIC KLIEN. Eric Klien moved to Las Vegas on December 31, 1991, and quickly became involved in local politics. He backed Tamara Clark for state Senate in 1992 and, after her election, found evidence that there had been massive election fraud committed against Tamara. After considering the alternatives, he decided to go after the most practical solution - *building a new country.*

DAVID KOPEL. Dave Kopel is Research Director at the Independence Institute. His book on international gun control, *The Samurai, The Mountie, and The Cowboy*, was chosen as international criminology book of the year by the American Society of Criminology. He has testified before the United States Congress and the Colorado legislature as an expert on guns and crime control.



L. NEIL SMITH. L. Neil Smith is the author of 18 science fiction novels, written with roughly the same intent that motivated George Orwell's *1984* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. The difference is that his work is upbeat, often funny, and deals with times and places where people enjoy *more* freedom and prosperity than we do here and now. A local radio personality, popular convention speaker, NRA "Hunter's Pistol" competitor, and 33 year veteran of the libertarian movement, Neil lives with his wife Cathy and daughter Rylla in Fort Collins, where they can be reached via LEVER ACTION BBS, the cybernetic voice of the Libertarian Second Amendment Caucus.



DAVID ROSDEITCHER. David Rosdeitcher began performing as a juggler and comedian in New Orleans in 1985. He carried this show throughout the U.S. When he moved to Boulder in 1991 he began developing a math and memory show featuring his Zip Code Routine.

CLYDE HARKINS. Tabor Committee, Treasurer, 1988 - present. Tax Limitation Campaign Coordinator; 1988, 1990

and 1992. Fundamental Philosophy: *Its better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.*

DICK SARGENT. Dick Sargent is a Republican candidate for Governor of Colorado. Dick's campaign is based on leadership, integrity and common sense. Dick stands for protecting the rights of the individual, protecting the free enterprise system, reducing government to the lowest practical level and endorsing *and* practicing fiscal responsibility.

MAP.



TOM TANCREDO. Tom Tancredo, President of the Independence Institute, is a nationally known education and school choice reformer. He has served as the Secretary of Education's Representative for the Rocky Mountain Region, and before that represented Arvada in the Colorado legislature - following a career as a teacher in the Jefferson County public schools.

A Proposal for Party Growth

by Jeff Orrok

I've devised a plan to give the LP a shot at becoming a major political power. Basically, it is an intentional, directed, long-term strategy for growth. It draws on my past experiences with an evangelistic Christian fellowship and with multi-level marketing ventures. I call this plan The Lifeblood Project.

If you grant me a few assumptions, I will show you how, with The Lifeblood Project, we could become a "major political party" in Colorado by the year 2000. In addition, we'd be cranking out ballot initiatives and running candidates for dozens of local and state offices—hey! maybe even national.

This article provides an overview. I intend to present the plan in more detail at the state convention, and I welcome any and all feedback there or by mail. Write to: The Lifeblood Project, 13674 Parkview Dr., Aurora, CO 80011. Or call 303-393-6855.

Definitions of Terms:

Activist — For the purpose of this article, "Activist" means one who contracts to fulfill the goals of the Lifeblood Project. More on this later.

Star — One who leads a fundamental change along libertarian ideals. I am aware of only one or two stars—Doug Bruce, who has made one alteration and is preparing to wage the campaign for another, and Penn Pfiffner, who has several attempts to his credit (I am unaware of any successes, although I don't know if I'm up-to-date). It's not easy to be a Star—it takes enormous dedication and resources. Doug Bruce has spent years and hundreds of thousands of dollars. It also takes support—a "Star-friendly" environment, so to speak. Right now, it seems our state generates enough support for just one, and that mostly due to the efforts of Mr. Bruce, TABOR, and CUT. If Mr. Pfiffner is to be a successful Star, there must be a similar amount of support for him.

Relationships between Libertarians, Activists, and Stars:

- There at least 1500 registered Libertarians. Let's assume that 1 in 30, or 50 in all, would potentially be committed people who could be approached to be Activists.
- There are 1 or 2 Stars, so the ratio of (potential) Activists to Stars is 25 or 50 to 1.
- I assume that each year, the number of Activists doubles. The most likely way to accomplish this is for each Activist to produce 30 new Libertarians, one of which would become an Activist. As a by-product, the total number of Libertarians would also double. This is the first tricky part. You have to be willing to believe that you can perform a process that will net you 30 people a year.
- I assume that each year, since there are more Activists, more Stars appear (attracted in some mysterious fashion by the growing mass of libertarianism). The idea is that if there are 50 dedicated supporters, a "Star-friendly" environment is generated, so someone who can perform like a Star will naturally gravitate into it. So the relationship would be: each Star has a Star Support Group. If the number of Activists doubles each year, so should the number of Stars.

- In order for the Activists to function cohesively, they need a communication network (phone tree, mailings) and bimonthly meetings. High-tech options (BBS, uucp, voice-mail, fax, etc.) would be nice, but must be readily available to all in order to be useful. What is the point of the comm-network and meetings? In addition to coordinating logistics, it provides a vehicle for the dissemination of working strategies and tactics and a way to express support for our fellow Activists. Every project of whatever kind that I've been on succeeded or failed primarily because of the quality and quantity of communication between the participants. I hope every Activist would believe this and do whatever it takes to ensure enough high-quality communication between Activists and with the Stars.

As I continue to work with these ideas, I expect them to coalesce into a document I'll call the Lifeblood Project Charter. Another document would be a contract for Activists. The idea of a contract is not alien to libertarians, and it is one of the key components of a style of management known as Continuous Improvement (the details of which I will provide upon request). Below is a first crack at what the Lifeblood Activist contract would contain.

DRAFT The Lifeblood Project Activist Contract DRAFT

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I represent that I am a person of my word and that I understand and believe in the intentions of the Lifeblood Project as presented in The Lifeblood Project Charter, the impact it will have on my life, and the resultant impact it will have for the Libertarian Party.

I promise to maintain my values, schedule my time, and budget my money in ways that allow me to honor the following promises.

I promise to produce 30 new registered Libertarians each year* (*each year = every 365-day period from the date of signing through the end of the year 2000). I promise to spend enough time (approx 5%) and money (at least 1%) to accomplish this.

I promise to produce 1 new Lifeblood Activist each year*. I promise to spend enough time and money (another 1%?) to accomplish this.

I promise to stay in regular communication with other Lifeblood Activists, diligently performing my part of the phone tree, mailings, etc., and attending the bi-monthly meetings. I promise to provide and avail myself of an "Activist-friendly" support environment.

I promise to contribute to a Star Support Group. I promise to spend enough time and money to help accomplish the Star's goal. Examples:

- For a petition: 1,250 signatures (assumes 50 Activists), plus \$100 for the campaign treasury, plus 16 hrs/month as a campaign volunteer.
- For legislation/court case: research time, lobbying time, calls/letters.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

A Libertarian's Guide to Talk Radio

by Larry Hoffenberg

Talk radio—is it “the electronic town hall meeting of the 1990’s” or “the great cesspool of misinformation”? Certainly, talk radio is an influential force in American politics. Denver is one of the nation’s leading talk radio cities, with five major (and several minor) stations dedicated exclusively to talk radio programming. Front Range listeners are blessed with a cornucopia of offerings, including many with libertarian leanings. (Some of these programs also can be heard in southern and western Colorado on these and other stations.)

Here’s a roundup of the major daytime (Mon.-Fri.) socio-political talk shows. We’ll cover nighttime, and perhaps the insomniacs’, shows next month. Drop me a line c/o the CLiPboard if you challenge (or agree) with my assessments.

The Rush Limbaugh Program

Any discussion of talk radio must begin with the self-anointed “Godzilla of Talk Radio,” Rush Limbaugh. With the number one rated radio program in history, two of the best selling books in history, and the largest circulation non-financial newsletter in history, Rush has singlehandedly changed the radio industry as well as American politics. After struggling for years as a rock music DJ and local talk host, Rush made it big with a move to New York in 1988. The program is syndicated to an unprecedented 636 American radio stations, Armed Forces Radio, and even international short wave.

How has Rush succeeded so wildly? Basically, he tells it like he sees it, espousing his generally conservative Republican views via rambling, bombastic, sarcastic diatribes. He’s unabashedly pro-free market, pro-limited government, pro-life, and venomously anti-Clinton (both Bill and Hill).

The show also features some of the best political satire ever produced. Yes, ever. The biting musical and commercial parodies are highly entertaining and 100% effective. A recurring series of Beatles’ ripoffs featuring a Bill Clinton sound-alike is hilarious and not to be missed!!

The only drawback to the show is Rush’s size XXXXL ego, which detracts from the flow. Many listeners must plead to their radios “Shutup, Rush, and take another phone call!!”

If you can’t tune in the radio show, Limbaugh also stars in his own half-hour syndicated TV show, which airs in Denver on KWGN Channel 2 weeknights from 11:00-11:30 p.m.

Showtime: Noon to 3:00 p.m. Origin: Nationally syndicated
(3 hour tape delay)

Station: KOA 850 AM (KTLK 760 AM if a Rockies games is on KOA)
Rating: **** 1/2 (out of *****)

Pat Buchanan & Company

The former Republican presidential candidate and “from the right” half of CNN’s “Crossfire” offers a surprisingly good show. In the “Crossfire” tradition, Buchanan shares the mike each day with a “from the left” co-host from a standing stable, including Ben Wattenberg, Barry Linn, and Bob Beckel.

Even if you don’t like Buchanan’s politics, the show features exclusive interviews with the nation’s top news makers and pundits discussing the breaking news. A recent show featured

a very favorable discussion of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) with National Director Don Doig.

Showtime: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Origin: Nationally syndicated
Station: KNUS 710 AM/KHTH 1130 AM Rating: ****

The Ken Hamblin Show

As his patriotic alter-ego “The Black Aavveenggeerr,” Hamblin has finally emerged from “darktown” onto the national scene. Ken’s forte is challenging his fellow blacks to reject their dependence on the welfare state and take responsibility for their own lives. Ken has no mercy on the “liberal egg-sucking dogs” who oppose his views.

Ken does tend to get carried away with himself, which undoubtedly turns off many listeners. He sometimes appeases callers who disagree with him and cuts short their conversations, rather than taking the time to persuade them.

(Hamblin also has a twice-weekly column in *The Denver Post*.)

Showtime: 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. Origin: Denver based
Station: KNUS 710 AM/KHTH 1130 AM Rating: *** 1/2

The Mike Rosen Show

A quintessential radio professional, Rosen is also a quintessential conservative Republican, with first-hand experience in the Nixon administration as a defense policy analyst. In addition to discussing local and national issues, Mike offers an entertaining, well-rounded show with varied topics, including sports, comedy, movie reviews, trivia contests, and the less serious side of life.

Make no mistake about it, Mike is KOA’s ratings star and unfortunately, commercial messages are the star of his show. As George Carlin put it, “we’ll be back to more commercials right after this word from our show.”

(Rosen also has a weekly column in *The Denver Post*.)

Showtime: 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Origin: Denver based
Station: KOA 850 AM Rating: *** 1/2

The G. Gordon Liddy Show

The former Watergate nunny offers some insightful political criticism and commentary on his “Radio Free D.C.” program. However, his irreverent attitude may be too potent for many listeners. His call-in phone number is “1-800-THE-GMAN.”

Apparently, Liddy’s audience includes many illiterates. He spends a full hour reviewing the day’s news by reading verbatim entire columns from *The Washington Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington “Bleep”* (a.k.a. *The Washington Post*), and others.

Showtime: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Origin: Nationally syndicated
Station: KTWK 740 AM Rating: ***

The Peter Boyles Show

Basically apolitical, often dull, and inherently uninspiring, journeyman Boyles is at his best interviewing authors of books he has read.

Boyles is to be commended for his longtime criticism of the politics surrounding construction of the Denver International Airport.

Showtime: 6:00 - 10:00 a.m. Origin: Denver based
Station: KTLK 760 AM Rating: **

RANDOM NOTES

Name Change to be Considered at Convention

At our 1993 convention, members directed the board to research what it would take to change our name so that our candidates would appear on the ballot followed by "Libertarian Party". The board has done that, and has found that we can change our name to "Libertarian Party of Colorado" without losing those voters who have selected "Libertarian" as their party affiliation. The secretary of state's office will use our party name as the affiliation on the ballot unless it is more than three words. A proposal to make the change will be introduced at the upcoming state convention.

Convention Will Choose New Board

Many thanks to our outgoing board of directors for the fine job they've done over the past year. Most of them will be running for reelection or for a different position if we add an Affiliates Director and a Legislative Director. All candidates will have the opportunity to present their plans for the coming year at the state convention.

Announced CLP Board Candidates (= current board member)*

Chair: David Aitken*

Publications: Richard Combs*

Treasurer: Cooper Jager*

Membership:

Campaigns: Doug Anderson, David Segal

Public Relations: Dann Hayes

Legislative: Dale Doelling*

Fundraising: Ray Hambric*

Affiliates: Bert Wiener, Chris Bogart*

Mr. Aitken is considering holding a board member's retreat in early May to plan for the upcoming year. He may bring in a speaker to provide insights on planning and goal-setting. Candidates for the board should be thinking about how much money should be budgeted for their function.

Help Needed to Ensure Rally Success

Last year's Right to Bear Arms Rally attracted over 300 people to the State Capitol, exposing many of them to the LP's ideas and literature for the first time, and greatly enhancing our credibility among people with a natural affinity for libertarian ideals. This year, we *must* assure that we build on that beginning and draw a *significantly* larger crowd!

Here are some ways you can help:

- ⇒ Write letters to daily and weekly papers throughout the state promoting the rally (firearms freedom supporters will drive many miles, if they know about it!).
- ⇒ Call radio talk shows with the same message.
- ⇒ Post or distribute flyers about the event.
- ⇒ For heaven's sake, come to the rally, and bring one or more people with you!

We are at a critical time in history for this critical issue. If you can help in any way, please call the LP office at 837-9393 or David Segal at 296-4059.

CTP Head Announces Candidacy

Doug Campbell, Colorado Taxpayer's Party, has announced he is running for Secretary of State. Mr. Campbell is an ardent supporter of petitioning rights, Amendment 1, and the Election Reform Amendment.

General Assembly Data Base

The complete text of bills and daily journals of the Colorado General Assembly are on line and can be found on CARL in the Pikes Peak Regional Library database. Contact your local library for access information.

Improve Your Newsletter!

Bill Winter, Communications Director of the National LP, is offering suggestions on how to improve your newsletter. He has greatly improved the stuff coming from national, so is well qualified to comment. Send a copy of your newsletter to him at the national office. The address is on page 7.

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That means "If I do nothing, the statist will win." So, please, join, renew, donate, or volunteer today! See page 7 for contact information.

Kudos to ...

- ◆ **Sandra Johnson**, who decided that helping to put out the Jeffco LP newsletter, promoting FIJA, and serving on State Rep. Penn Pfiffner's staff were just not enough to keep her busy! Johnson will be conducting not one, but two Seminar 1 programs in the next two months.

Seminar 1 is an Advocates for Self-Government program that is highly successful in producing new libertarians. A single libertarian meets weekly for five weeks with about six non-libertarians, guiding them as they discuss ideas they select from David Bergland's *Libertarianism in One Lesson*.

The first Seminar 1 will be Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting April 4. The second will be at the same time Tuesdays, beginning May 3. If you know non-libertarians who might be interested in attending, or want more information, call Sandra Johnson at 973-0594 right away.

- ◆ **David Segal**, who has arranged for free tables for the LP at several Tanner gun shows in the metro area over the next few months. Call him at 296-4059 to find out when there's one convenient to you, and to volunteer to staff it.
- ◆ **Doug Anderson** and **David Aitken**. They distributed about 350 copies of Project Healthy Choice to attendees of a health care seminar sponsored by Rep. Pat Schroeder and featuring Hillary Clinton. Coats and ties were the order of the day, and the info was inside a brown manila envelope. Attendees accepted the information gratefully (they didn't know it was ours!!) and nobody hassled them!

Know someone (maybe you) who wrote a letter, manned a booth, made a speech, distributed literature, or got mentioned in print doing something for the cause? Tell us about it or send us the clipping. We'll do the rest.

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April

- 5 Denver LP, Village Inn, 890 S. Colorado, 7:00 p.m.
Final planning for 4/17 rally. (303) 871-8824.
- 5 Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Wally's, Oak Street Plaza,
7 a.m. Speaker. (303) 484-8184.
- 6&20 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center.
Bruce Lockhart, (303) 223-7504.
- 9 Ft. Collins 2nd Saturday Shootist Society. (303) 484-6824.
- 12 Ft. Collins 2nd Tue. Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret
Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
- 19 Aurora Libertarians, Durango's, Iliff & Havana (tentative), 7 p.m.
(303) 755-4843.
- 20 Jefferson Forum, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m.
Debate on "Taxation, and government abuses and usurpations."
(303) 424-9687.
- 17 2nd Annual Right to Bear Arms Rally, State Capitol, 1 p.m.
David Kopel and other speakers. (303) 296-4059.
- 17 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, 7 p.m.
(303) 443-1870.
- 18 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Social, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's,
1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
- 29 CLP State Convention, Roundup Ranch, Sedalia, through Sunday,
May 1. See pages 6 and 7, or call (303) 484-8184.

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