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Let's draft Robin Heid for guv!

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By Noah Brodbeck **CLP Communications Chair**

Robin Heid, political gadfly and former Libertarian statehouse candi-Denver Cocktail Party, date, has formally announced his can-1450 Adams, 7:30 p.m.; didacy for the Republican nomination for Governor. And he's serious, quite serious.

Wait a minute, is this the Robin issues TV program hosted Heid I remember, jumping off tall by Ron Paul. On cable's buildings in a single bound, famed Discovery channel every author of such works as Sport Death, and founder of the No More Drug War Foundation? Yes, it's still Robin, but I Kevin Bloom's open never pictured him as ... well, one of house at 487 Lakeshore them. So I gave Robin a call, and Park Road in Boulder, for another, and another, and finally got

No need to worry, Robin is still Libertarian as ever, fervent about stopping this frontal assault on our National LP TV com- human rights and civil liberties. mercial on CNN, 5-5:30 That's good, had me worried for a minute. But why Republican? The answer is obvious: No self-respecting straight Republican wishes to be the sacrificial cow for the Democrats to slay this election. Robin realized that,

and took that big leap into the ring, garnering more publicity in one shot than any Libertarian I can think of, even Ron Paul when he was here on his Presidential tour.

After talking to other Libertarians, a consensus formed, one that certainly holds promise for all of us. Let's begin a campaign to draft Robin Heid as the Libertarian candidate for Governor. The benefits should be apparent to everyone: Robin has already been publicized, it should bring our argument on the War on Drugs to the forefront of the debate, and I think we could actually see a 15 to 30% voter return for our Libertarian-Republican candidate. It only takes 10% for the state to consider us a real party?

So, what about it? Remember, we've got to hurry, the convention is only a month away.

Speaking of the convention, organizer Mary Margaret reports that early sign-ups indicate that we'll have one of the best turn-outs ever for Walter Williams and all the other annual activities! Be there!

from the chair

By Ron Bain Acting CLP Chairman

On December 10, 1989, University of California at Santa Barbara graduate student Patrick Shanahan died in Orange County, California after attending a Grateful Dead concert. He did not die from an overdose of LSD (a medical impossibility), as alleged by Englewood, California police who arrested Shanahan that evening. No, the Orange County coroner has ruled out overdose, suicide or accident as the cause of death; Patrick Shanahan was murdered, that was the coroner's ruling, attributing the death to asphyxiation caused by a larynx crushed by violence. Several witnesses reported seeing a half-dozen Englewood police officers encircling Shanahan and beating him mercilessly with nightsticks.

In the autumn of 1989, a similar incident in New Jersey following a Grateful Dead concert left another so-called "Dead Head" lifeless, this time at the hands of

concert security guards.

Throughout the latter half of 1989 and January, 1990, most of the nation's major newspapers and media sources (MTV News and the Los Angeles Times being the rare exceptions) failed to report these atrocities against civil, Constitutional and human rights assumed to be inherent in American citizenship. Yet during the same time, the same newspapers and media sources were full of reports of the burgeoning freedom and human rights movement in Eastern Europe.

On Thursday, January 25, 1990, the Denver Post expressed its ignorance of the above events with an editorial which stated in part: "If this is a war (on drugs), where are the bodies?" Two innocent victims of this nation's war on drugs lie cold and gray in their graves, while newspapers - supposedly empowered by the U.S. constitution as the last resort defenders of freedom and liberty in this nation - cheer on those who are howling

ever louder for a "shoot on sight, ask questions later" bounty on users of illicit drugs in this nation.

If Patrick Shanahan had just exited, stumbling and violently drunk, from a Willie Nelson concert on Dec. 10, the worst thing that the cops would've done to him would have been to have him put in the drunk tank overnight. But because he had just left a Grateful Dead concert reputed both for their non-violence and the frequent use of LSD - Patrick Shanahan was executed without trial by California's version of the Securitate. The drug war is hypocrisy given force of law, and because our Constitution guarantees citizens equal protection under the law, the unconstitutional drug war must be ended.

Why should Coloradoans be concerned about the death of a "druggie" in California? For one thing, there are apparently some powerbrokers in this nation who don't want you to know that there are dissidents in America who suffer human rights atrocities equal to those in El Salvador, Romania, and China, or else the story of Patrick Shanahan's death would have been more widely reported in the nation's media. Secondly, the Grateful Dead play Red Rocks every year, and it could be your son or daughter who dies next at the the hands of a cop crazed by drug hate.

The CLP condemns the drug war as fascist hypocrisy and condemns all human rights atrocities everywhere in

the world, especially in our own backyards.

Yours in Liberty, Acting Chairman

Kon Bain

Gun control is not a question of law; it is a fundamentally possessed right

Dear CLiPboard Readers:

Much of the current debate over gun control centers on the Second Amendment to our Constitution. Gun control advocates say the precept applies only to the organized militia, while those on the pro-gun (dare I say "pro-choice"?) side claim the amendment guarantees the individual the right to keep and bear arms. Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger believes that an insight into the "purpose, setting, and the objectives of the (Constitution's) draftsmen" is needed to settle the dispute. I agree.

In 1772 Thomas Jefferson wrote that "If the group has authority to transgress on individual rights, this would be slavery, and not the liberty which the Bill of Rights has made inviolable, and for the preservation of which our government has been charged." George Mason, another author of the Constitution, stated in 1788: "I ask who are the militia? They consist of the whole people, except a few public officials." Jefferson again stated in 1817 that "Our belief ever was that

Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare." Alex ander Hamilton wrote "If the representives of the people betray their constituents, there is no resource left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense... the citizens must rush tumultously to arms."

In 1765 Sir William Blackstone, considered the preeminent authority on British Common Law (upon which our system is based), noted the three avenues of recourse open to free peoples whose rights have been violated: first, the courts; second, to petition the king and parliament; and third, "the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defense." Later, Sir Blackstone spoke of "the fifth and last auxiliary right of the subject is that of having arms for their defense."

U.S. Code 10 Section 311(a) states "The militia of the Unites States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age." In upholding this law the Supreme Court wrote in Presser vs. Illinois (1886): "It is undoubt-

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ably true that all citizens capable of bearing arms constitute the reserved military force of reserve militia of the United States. The States cannot prohibit the people from keeping and bearing arms, so as to disable the people." Over a century and a half before the massacre at Tianenmen Square, Justice Joseph Story wrote, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms has been considered as the palladium of the liberties of a republic, since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers." In U.S. vs. Miller (1939) the high court again said, "the militia comprised

all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense."

Finally, "Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

- Justice William Brandeis

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Future of Freedom Foundation formed; inaugural supper is April 19

Dear CLiPboard Readers:

The Future of Freedom Foundation is a relatively new organization devoted to presenting an uncompro-

Walter Williams Boosters from Colorado Springs plan bus trip to Fort Collins for convention

Dear CLiPboard Readers:

I note in the February 1990 LP News that Dr. Williams will be a speaker at your state partyonvention in May.

We have lots of Walter Williams Boosters in the Colorado Springs area and may try to organize a "Boosters Bus" to hear him speak, assuming his talk will be open to the public. Please advise me on the details.

My best wishes for an outstanding convention, and I hope your impress Dr. Williams with both the quality

and the quantity of attendance.

Enclosed are some Booster materials.
Sincerely,
Jim McClarin, Coordinator,
Walter Williams Boosters,
Cool, California

mising moral and philosophical case for the principles of freedom. I am enclosing the February and March issue of our monthly publication, **Freedom Daily**, as well as our current status report to show you the nature of our work.

We are having our inaugural supper in Denver on the evening of April 19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The featured speakers will be Richard Eberling, our Academic Vice-President who is the Ludwig Von Mises Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College in Michigan, and Walter Williams (a day before the CLP convention). It will be a coat and tie affair.

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clp progress report

The CLP moves forward another month, blazing a

path for liberty in our time!

New Affiliates - The Denver County Libertarian Party was formed Feb. 6 at the home of CLP Chairman Ron Bain during the cocktail party held there. This makes the second affilate formed in as many months. Kevin Bloom is holding an Open House in Boulder, and we might possibly see our third affiliate opening shortly.

Macintosh Fund - At the CLP board meeting in December, it was decided to create a fund for those who desired to help the CLP enter the modern age. Computerization is happening at all levels of society, and the CLP should be no exception. If you wish to contribute to the fund, send your check to the office - and please indicate that you wish the money to go to the Macintosh fund.

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Petition Talk - The CLP voted at the Janu ary meeting to provide 20 petitioners for the FIJA amendment drive, however - it certainly doesn't stop there. Robin Heid, head of the No More Drug War Foundation, needs petitioners for his campaign, and petitioners for a possible H.E.M.P. (Help End Marijuana Prohibition) inititave. If you are intrested, give his campaign manager, Jon Baragra a call at 722-1626. Tell 'em you heard it here first!

Full Time Editor - Well, after a rather prolonged settling-in period, CLP Communications Chair Noah Brodbeck was removed from the post on March 10, with Acting Chairman Ron Bain agreeing to guarantee the CLiPboard's publication in March and April. Bain suggested contracting out the newsletter after April. That will be a topic of discussion at the convention.



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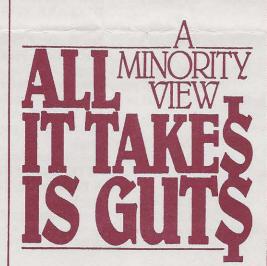
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Walter E. Williams is Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

His weekly column is nationally syndicated by Heritage Features.

Hearing in Romer lawsuit postponed, again

The American Constitutional Law Foundation restraint would confuse the Sovereign with the servant." announced recently that a yet-again rescheduled conference will be held in Federal district Court regarding the legal action filed by the Colorado Union of Taxpayers, and the Colorado Libertarian Party against Gov. Roy Romer individually. The conference will be Thursday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom A of the Post Office Building at 19th and Stout in Denver. An important announcement is scheduled to follow the conference. outside the courtroom.

Based upon the court's prior informal ruling, it is expected that the court will officially rule against the governor's motions to dismiss, requiring the governor to stand trial.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs claim that Romer's "official" state actions intentionally misled the sovereign citizens of Colorado against the petition known as Amendment Six in 1988, and violated the plaintiffs' constitutional and civil rights. They are asking for \$1 million in

punitive damages against Romer, personally.

William Orr, executive director of the Foundation, stated: "The crucial issue in this lawsuit is not Roy Romer or even Amendment Six, but rather...'Who's really in charge?' Can the 'sovereign' people still 'peaceably' change their fundamental form of government, without the government, itself, overwhelming and fighting them in the process? Can any petition 'to change government' prevail in circumstances where governmental power effectively opposes it?"

"Please understand that we firmly believe that Romer, as an individual, enjoys the full gambit of free speech!! As a community leader, Romer is not only entitled to speak out on these matters, but he is probably

obligated to do so!!"

Orr explained: The plaintiffs' objection is that Romer went well beyond the appropriate boundaries of a community leader. He abused the public trust and authority of his "office", by intentionally using it to direct public personnel and resources to oppose a sovereign exercise of the people of Colorado.

The great power of the governor's office is delegated its source being derived from and belonging to all the citizens... to both the proponents as well the opponents of a petition. Roy Romer is but a temporary "trustee" of the office, and a "public servant" to all the sovereign citi-

zens of Colorado.

In matters of "self" government, where the people the sovereign - are attempting "to change their fundamental form of government", their trustees may not use the sovereign's delegated power to defeat the peaceable exercise (of a petition for the redress of grievances), nor to favor one side of the debate over the other. Any lesser

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Dedicated board, political candidates needed at CLP con!

It seems burn-out turmoil is affecting the CLP Board of Directors once more, with these changes taking place in March:

Acting Chairman Ron Bain announced that he will not be seeking election to the post of chairman at the April convention. Bain is forming his own publications company, he said, and will have no time to devote to formal party activities, although all of his publishing efforts will be libertarian in nature.

A production crisis with the March **CLiPboard** resulted in the termination of Noah Brodbeck as Communications Chairman, who was immediately replaced by Joe Dehn, a relatively new Colorado resident who also serves as Secretary of the national LP. Asked if he would seek election to the communications post in April, Dehn replied, "Probably."

Campaigns Chairman Rick Shaw submitted his resignation at the March board meeting rather than vote for the termination of Brodbeck. He accepted reappointment to the position, however, after the vote to terminate Brodbeck was taken without him. Shaw will likely run for U.S. Senate after April, so is unlikely to remain campaigns chair.

Three-year board veteran David Aitken is retiring from Libertarian service, and expects he will be replaced by Rob Herzfeld of Colorado Springs.

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