

COLORADO LIBERTARIAN PARTY

# CLiPboard

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## Calendar:

Nov. 7

Denver Municipal Bond Election, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - remember to vote!

Nov. 11

CLP Board meeting at 1 p.m. at 720 E. 18th Ave., Suite 309, Denver. Public invited.

Nov. 18

'The War on Drugs: Costs, Benefits, Alternatives?' Facilitated by the Marharbour Foundation at VFW Hall in Denver, 9 a.m. starting time. Call Robin Heid of the No More Drug War Foundation at 320-1910 for more information.

Nov. 20

Fort Collins Cocktail Party, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Margaret Glennie, 1317 Lakewood Dr.

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Watch for announcement of a new Denver cocktail party site!

## Lind resigns; Bain takes chair

Effective October 1, Ron Bain, a Denver-based freelance writer, was named chairman of the Colorado Libertarian Party, following the unexpected September 17th resignation of the former chairman, Mary Lind, a northwestern Colorado farmer and a student at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Lind cited personal reasons for her resignation, and expressed regret for being unable to fulfill her second term as the CLP chairman.

Noah Brodbeck, a Greeley resident and publisher of an independent, alternative newspaper, was made communications chairman, the party post previously held by Bain for one-and-a-half years. Brodbeck will assume control of the party newsletter, the CLiPboard, as well as press relations and outreach efforts.

Bain indicated a willingness to assume the party's chairmanship duties through April, 1990, when the party members will assemble in Fort Collins for their annual convention and the election of a new chairman and board of directors.

In the meantime, Bain said he

would press forward with the joint CLP/Colorado Union of Taxpayers lawsuit against Governor Roy Romer and the Citizens for Representative Government as well as throw the party's full support behind the U.S. Senate candidacy of Mark Nairne, campaigns chairman of the CLP and the director of the No More Drug War Foundation.

Bain also pledged to begin keeping office hours at the party headquarters on East 18th Avenue in Denver on Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m., so that members of the press and party constituents will be able to contact a live human being at CLP offices at least once a week. He also pledged an effort to find other volunteers to staff the office during the week, and convinced the board to support a proposal to computerize the office with a Macintosh personal computer.

Nairne was also asked to begin organizing a subsidiary group to the CLP, the Libertarian Greens, to support private initiatives and plans to protect the environment from governmental and corporate abuse.

Call Bain at home at 321-6780.

## From the Chair

By Ron Bain,  
CLP Acting Chairman

As one of my first official acts as acting chair, let me say that I think Mary Lind did a truly commendable job in her role as chairman and I hope she will be able to be return to her previous post or another active position within the party very soon.

In the meantime, it's time to forge ahead in preparation for another even-numbered election year. Admittedly, 1989 has been a quiet year so far for Colorado Libertarians, but things are about to change.

Media outreach is going to be a top priority during my stint as acting chair; the first of several monthly news releases has already been mailed out to about 50 statewide news media. I will use my numerous contacts within the print and broadcast media statewide to make certain that the Libertarian message is heard regarding topics of current concern, such as the violence-spawning War on Drugs.

You'll see new, subsidiary Libertarian organizations cropping up all over the state. Newly-named Communications Chairman Noah Brodbeck has already formed a College Libertarians chapter on the Greeley campus of the University of Northern Colorado. Campaigns Chairman Mark Nairne, in his outreach efforts as the director of the No More Drug War Foundation, has also encountered lots of young people and Libertarian Greens who are interested in a private, free market approach to problems.

I intend to see our office on East 18th Avenue in Denver begin to function like a real office, with volunteers staffing the office and answering the phone. The board has also agreed with me to start a fund with which to acquire a Macintosh personal computer for the office, which will be used to keep a continuous stream of published outreach material flowing out of the office. Mail contributions to HQ in care of: "Macintosh Computer Fund."

My office hours at HQ will be every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. I will be there to take calls from party constituents as well as reporters, and to meet with anyone who would like to meet me there.

Yours in Liberty,

*Ron Bain*

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## Letters to the CLiPboard:

### Drug Prohibition is THE issue!

Dear Editor:

Given that you badgered us about not sending you material, then printed incorrect information about the No More Drug War Foundation to prove the point you needed better input, it seemed like high time to drop you folks a line and let you know what we've been doing since your generous coverage of our inception.

First, the current Foundation leadership is made up of: Robin Heid, founder and chairman; Mark S. Nairne, executive director; Gerald Bryan, secretary; and Tom Barrus, treasurer.

Second, we don't let you know when meetings are because we don't hold them regularly. And we have aimed our limited public relations preaching not at the choir press, but at the popular press. As a result, the Foundation membership and donation base is growing, and at the executive level we're planning a fall road tour through Colorado after Re-Education Secretary William Bennett presents his National Strategy for Complete Disaster in the War on Drugs.

This is a call to arms to Colorado Libertarians - and a call to them to immediately back-burner their minimum wage ad campaigns and other political passions and go to bat for ending the Drug War. Here's why:

1. The War on Drugs is the queen on the Empire's chess

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## National LP Secretary Joe Dehn moves to Colorado

National Libertarian Party Secretary Joe Dehn recently moved to Colorado from Oregon, and plans to use his computer bulletin board and activism levels to the benefit of the Colorado Libertarian Party.

Dehn is the system operator (sysop) of a FidoNet bulletin board featuring two computer forums, Liberty Echo and Objectivist Echo, which can be accessed via telephone modem by calling (303) 972-6575.

Dehn's bulletin board joins another Colorado-based computer bulletin board run by sysop Bill Williams, whose system can be accessed by calling (303) 695-0654.

Quick to become involved in his new state, Dehn attended the October 14th meeting of the CLP Board of Directors, offering suggestions and input, and has agreed to join Acting Chairman Ron Bain in staffing the CLP office for four hours a week. Dehn will be available in person or by telephone at CLP headquarters at 720 E. 18th Ave, #309 or (303) 837-9393 on each Wednesday afternoon between 1 and 5. Bain will begin keeping office hours at CLP HQ on Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m.

In other news of the national party, Dave Walter was elected chairman on the first ballot at the national convention held in Philadelphia in September. NatCom was streamlined from 29 to 17 members, with Karen Allard of Washington representing the Ecotopia region of the nation that includes Colorado.

Colorado constituents with national concerns may write to Allard at 6901 Narrow Lane North, Tacoma, WA. 98407, or to Dehn at P.O. Box 621015, Littleton, CO. 80162. Or Dehn and Bain will be available by telephone at CLP HQ on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons respectively.

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## D-War is assault on liberty

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board, the means by which most assaults upon are liberty are advanced, reinforced and magnified.

2. Taking out the queen - ending the War on Drugs - will be an international victory for liberty because it means liquidating the primary operating premise that government can intrude as far into the lives of its citizens as its technology and firepower will allow.

3. Once the queen is dead, everybody can return to their specific areas of interest, where they will find less-organized and less-confident enemies than they faced during the war. Without the war, the other assaults on liberty become exponentially less sustainable because they will no longer be able to justify their actions - and because we have too many guns and radios and cars and cellular phones and fax machines and computers for them to actually rule by force.

So we say again: There is no issue more important than ending the war. Spending money advancing the Libertarian position on minimum wage while federal drug war legislation is introduced that will suspend the writ of habeus corpus is dangerously silly.

**Robin Heid, Chairman  
No More Drug War Foundation**

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