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Bill of Rights Rally Judged a Hit

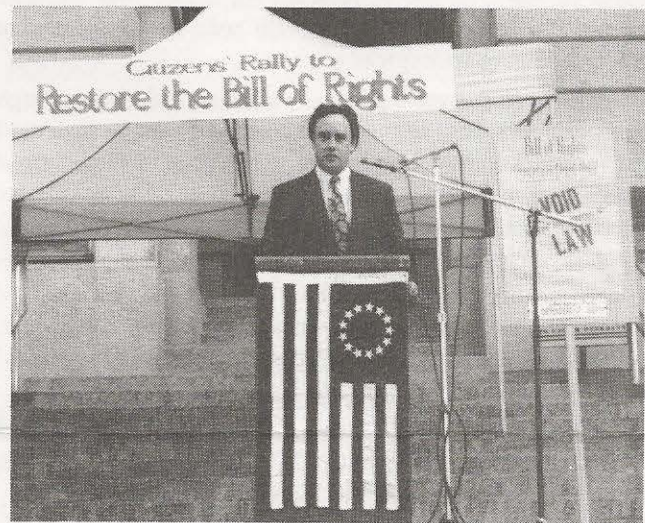
by Richard G. Combs

Fine weather, great speakers, and a decent turnout combined to make the Denver LP's Citizen's Rally to Restore the Bill of Rights a success. Between 150 and 200 people heard speakers from Attorney General Gale Norton to Jon Baraga of the Hemp Initiative Project and CLP.

The Denver Post and KMGH-TV Channel 7 gave the rally excellent coverage. Channel 7's late news used the rally as the "teaser" going into the first commercial break and led off the second segment with the story.

The Post article filled a third of the second page in the "Denver and the West" section, with a prominent mention on the first page. It portrayed the rally as an unusual mix of varied interests given a touch of "establishment respectability" by the presence of Norton. The Post reporter, however, clearly underestimated the crowd at 100 and rechristened organizer David Segal as Jerry Segal.

David Kopel of the Independence Institute gave the most rousing speech. He began by asking in mock anger why the governor had not bussed in schoolchildren for the event, as continued on page 4



David Kopel addresses Bill of Rights Rally at the Capitol.



Attorney General Gale Norton talks to a reporter from the Denver Post after addressing the Denver LP's rally.

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From the Editor

by Richard G. Combs

When I predicted last month that we might go to twelve pages in the future, I had no idea that it would be so soon. But the combination of the launch of Project Healthy Choice and the announcement of the 1994 state convention schedule made it necessary. As you'll see in perusing this issue, these two items required three pages of their own, and no way were they going to fit into our usual eight page format!

That's especially true because there is so much going on that we need to report to you each month. And that's a direct function of the fact that a bunch of you are pretty active! The affiliate news keeps flowing in (thanks, Chris Bogart!), full of lots of information and activities. People like Max Winkler and Jim Phelps keep coming up with great new projects that need and deserve widespread support.

In fact, even with twelve pages, I've had to make some tough decisions about what to put in this issue and what to save until next month. I'm not complaining, mind you. In fact, keep it coming — I much prefer this problem to begging people for material!

I suspect we'll be back to eight pages next month, but when the need arises, we'll expand if we have to. Now, if more of you would please send in your dues or subscription payment, maybe we could make the CLiPboard permanently bigger and better...

I hope you had a great holiday season, and I'm already looking forward to seeing you all at the state convention in the spring. Meanwhile, keep in touch!

It behooves every man who values liberty of conscience for himself, to resist invasions of it in the case of others: or their case may, by change of circumstances, become his own.

—Thomas Jefferson

From the Chair

by David Aitken

Project HEALTHY CHOICE is here! That's the Libertarian Party's response to President Clinton's health care reform, and your help is needed to refocus debate on free market alternatives that work! But time is short. We have only four to six months to change public opinion and the one or two votes in Congress that could mean the difference between success and failure.

The goals are simple:

1. Convince our U.S. Congressional Representatives and Senators to vote against the Clinton plan.
2. Promote the Libertarian Party's alternative plan and spread the word about market-based solutions to the health care crisis.

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Elsewhere in this issue (pages 6 and 7) is the fact sheet about Project Healthy Choice. That is the game plan for you, our activists. The Libertarian Party has a new brochure, "Solving the Health Care Crisis," designed specifically for Project Healthy Choice, as well as a briefing paper that lays out the details and various supporting materials.

We need your help to get this information out to your friends, neighbors, elected officials, and the general public. While I'd like to be able to provide you with these brochures free, that's simply not possible. We will, however, give you a much better deal on these materials than you'll get from the National LP. Please refer to the ad on page 10.

If you want Clinton's health care plan killed, please order one of our Healthy Choice Lobbying Kits today, and get the information out to all your friends and business associates.

In Liberty,
David Aitken,
State Chairman

Affiliate News

— Aurora —

Aurora Libertarians are focusing on strategic planning for the coming year. The December meeting featured a wide-ranging discussion of goals and strategies.

Chairman Jeff Orrock will write up a series of strategy scenarios and mail them to members for further discussion at the January meeting. Call him at 360-7005 with your ideas.

Another highlight of the December meeting was Jim Phelps' presentation of his new militia project and possible future candidacy. See the story elsewhere in this issue.

The suit against the City of Aurora charging violations of Amendment One in the November election will go to trial on May 26 in Arapahoe County District Court. Larry Hoffenberg, Aurora LP secretary, is one of the plaintiffs.

The suit charges the city with a variety of substantive and technical violations, and seeks repudiation of the two Ballot Questions approved by voters.

— Boulder —

Libertarians in Boulder County invited Slim Miles, an advocate of medicinal herbs, to discuss the proposed FDA ban on certain vitamins and herbs. Slim filled the group in on the status of legislative efforts for and against the ban, and asked libertarians to write their representative about the issue.

A lawsuit by Chuck Wright and Vern Bickel against the Boulder Valley School District, claiming violation of Amendment 1, has prevented the school district from certifying the election. Now they will have to refer the measure to the voters again next year.

Several members of the group met informally with a representative of the Greens, to consider possible future joint efforts (see story on page 5). The Greens are planning a bid for governor in 1994, possibly followed up with a ballot-access lawsuit if they don't achieve party status.

The BCLP has changed its meeting time to the third Sunday of each month. The January 15th outreach meeting will feature a discussion of common law.

— Denver —

About 35 people attended the December meeting, which featured Linda Thompson's Waco video. Richard Combs announced that Thompson is working on a new, expanded version with material not previously available. He plans to show that version some time in the future.

Denver's Bill of Rights rally on the 11th was quite successful (see story on page one), and was followed that evening by a pot luck social hosted by Brian Holthouse. The 15 or so guests declared it a success as well, and supported the idea of future social gatherings.

John Voss of the National Commodity and Barter Association, who had been scheduled to speak at the January meeting, will be unable to appear. At press time, no replacement had been

confirmed, but it is likely that a prominent state legislator will provide a perspective of the upcoming legislative session.

— El Paso County —

As reported earlier, members from the four-county area around Colorado Springs (El Paso, Fremont, Teller, and Pueblo) have been meeting to plan and organize joint activities for 1994. The organizing agenda was sent to an initial group of 40 individuals who identified themselves as interested or active members. The response to date has not been stellar. However, the season may have something to do with that.

We are making another appeal for readers in the area to respond. If you received the letter and agenda, please tell us your ideas, level of interest, and willingness to help. If you did not receive the mailing and want to get involved, please call Jeff Wright, (719) 495-0665, or Phil Freytag, (719) 275-3115.

Our first meeting on the agenda is planned for January 8, with activities to begin shortly thereafter. We are counting on you to come out and get involved at whatever level suits your schedule and lifestyle. If you cannot afford the time, then donate to our start-up fund for Project '94. Any assistance, money or time, is a leg up for all. El Paso county members, in particular, need to stand up and be counted. Revolution never came about by sitting in front of the hearth or the TV.

Members in El Paso and Fremont counties have collected several thousand signatures for the Election Reform Amendment, manning gun shows, shopping centers, and other public places during freezing weather to get them. Some individuals have collected over 800 signatures.

— Fremont County —

Libertarians in Fremont County have been concentrating their energies on petitioning for Doug Bruce's Election Reform Amendment. They are also preparing now to put their Food Tax Repeal initiative back on the ballot in Cañon City next year. The measure lost this year by 57% to 42%, not bad considering that proponents were outspent by thousands to one. The statewide tax limitation effort had much less support initially, yet built relentlessly to eventual success.

Phil Freytag is working on a national committee to nominate Mary Ruwart for President in 1996.

— Jefferson County —

Petitioning for election reform has been a major focus of Jeffco LP activists in December. Sandy Johnson alone has filled more than twenty petitions. Although the deadline for the petitioning has passed, Secretary of State Natalie Meyer has just announced that the petition fell short by about 10,000 signatures, thus beginning the two week "cure period" allowed by law to correct the deficiency. Petitioners have been collecting signatures in anticipation of the cure period. Meyer claims that signatures being collected in the interim are not valid, although the law, which she wrote, specifies only the ending date of the cure period. No starting date is mentioned at all, and the TABOR committee is taking the position that all valid signatures turned in before the ending date should count.

Affiliate News (continued)

The other focus of activity has been the Fully Informed Jury Amendment. Jeffco libertarians have been handing out flyers at the so-called "Taj Mahal," Jeffco's opulent new courthouse. Sandy Johnson will be meeting with "VOCAL," a group for victims of over-enthusiastic child abuse laws, to discuss FIJA.

Starting this month, Sandy will be working as a legislative aide for State Representative Penn Pfiffner (LR-Lakewood), former LP state chair.

Pfiffner will resume the Jefferson Forum lecture series on January 19, addressing the question "Will My Health Care Improve with Socialized Medicine?"

— Mesa County —

Grand Junction activist Dale Doelling was featured on radio station KNZZ discussing drug re-legalization. He said the calls to the program were overwhelmingly supportive — and none of the calls were from local LP members! Dale was invited to the program because he faxed a news release from the LP national office to the major western slope media. The release supported the Surgeon General's call for discussion of drug re-legalization. He hopes to be invited back to the station in January to talk about other libertarian issues.

Dale was also recently chosen by the Colorado LP to fill the vacant position of CLP Public Relations Director. The western slope has generally been underrepresented on the board.

Mesa county libertarians are planning a "get reacquainted" party in January, in order to welcome Dann Hayes back and get organized for the governor's race in 1994.

Bill of Rights Rally

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he did for the P.U.N.C.H. / Handgun Control Inc. rally during the special legislative session.

Kopel challenged gun rights advocates' general belief that the Second Amendment had never been so threatened as today. He pointed out that current gun control efforts are in response to the violence associated with illegal drug trafficking, that during Prohibition the violence associated with illegal alcohol trafficking led to a similar anti-gun hysteria, and that the solution to such violence is "not to prohibit more things, but to end all Prohibitions."

Norton discussed the "takings" clause of the Fifth Amendment, strongly defending property rights. Her office was also represented by Deputy Attorneys General John Daley and Paul Farley, discussing the Eighth and Tenth Amendments, respectively.

Other speakers included criminal defense attorney Tom Miller, who insisted that "we already live in a police state," Colorado ACLU President James Joy, Boulder journalist Paul Danish, TABOR's Clyde Harkins, FIJA's Sandra Johnson, Bob Zualaga of the recently raided Liberty Foundation, and a First Amendment odd couple, Bob Tiernan of the Freedom from Religion Foundation and the Rev. Ivy Connor.

How to Cut Crime and Save the Taxpayers Money

by Dan O'Haire

- Eliminate law suits by criminals against victims who fight back.
- Eliminate the prosecution of citizens who gun down armed robbers.
- Eliminate probation, which is ineffective at stopping crime.
- Eliminate laws creating victimless crimes for adults, which are clogging the courtrooms and prisons and keeping low-life creeps alive to commit crimes.
- Eliminate the futile war on drugs, which is fueling gang drug turf wars and muggings.
- Eliminate costly separate trials to determine who was the trigger man; the gang that kills together should hang together.
- Eliminate the automatic wiping out of criminal records for juveniles, and make it contingent upon completion of community service.
- Eliminate the secrecy surrounding juvenile crimes, which has eroded the power of community opinion and replaced it with gang peer pressure.
- Eliminate suicide watches for convicted criminals. It is their right to kill themselves.
- Eliminate the treatment of cold turkey drug withdrawal for criminals.
- Eliminate protein-rich diets and weight-lifting programs for convicts.
- Eliminate the jobs of social scientists who legitimize crime by relabeling troublemakers as "troubled youths."

Children are innocent and love justice, while most adults are wicked and prefer mercy.

— Gilbert K. Chesterton



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Finding Common Ground with Greens

by Chris Bogart

Several members of the Boulder County LP met in December with a member of the Boulder Green Alliance to discuss politics and philosophy, and to look for common ground as a basis for cooperation between our groups.

The Greens are fairly diverse nationwide, so it's hard to make too broad a generalization about their beliefs. Most Greens would agree with Libertarians on personal issues, such as legalizing drugs and protecting freedom of speech. On issues of economics and the environment, the Greens sometimes support government intervention, but they specifically list decentralization as one of their "ten key values" and are generally open-minded about non-coercive solutions. This is especially true among the Colorado Greens. Greens believe more decisions should be made at a community level, and that the power of the community as a political group should be checked by the use of consensus, rather than majoritarian democracy. Consensus requires near unanimity to approve a measure.

What might interest Libertarians the most about the Greens is that their "consensus" process for decision-making demonstrates one specific benefit of individual rights to which many of us have never been exposed. Greens claim that when

the majority no longer has the ability to outvote the minority, everyone has to learn how to get along better, and how to disagree, negotiate, and compromise without making anyone so angry that they vote "no" and single-handedly block consensus. L. Neil Smith has promulgated similar ideas about "unanimous consent" within the libertarian community. It's encouraging to see people outside the movement independently coming to the same conclusion about the value of the individual conscience as we have. It should be noted that Quakers have been using consensus for over a century.

Most Greens aren't libertarians, and they certainly aren't capitalists, but we left the meeting with a sense that there may be some grounds for future cooperation, and that a Green party candidate might be a good second choice if a Libertarian isn't available on the ballot.

Doelling Appointed PR Director

The CLP Board of Directors appointed Dale Doelling of Grand Junction to the vacant post of Public Relations Director at its December Board meeting.

Doelling has a journalism and public relations background, and currently performs public relations work for the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. He will introduce himself and outline his plans for the position in an upcoming issue of the CLiPboard.

Life Extensionists Pearson and Shaw to Headline State Convention

Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw, authors of the 1982-83 best-seller *Life Extension: A Practical Scientific Approach*, will be the featured speakers at the 1994 Colorado Libertarian Party state convention. The convention will take place April 29 to May 1 at the Roundup Ranch west of Sedalia. See page 8 for complete details and a registration form.

Also scheduled to speak are novelist L. Neil Smith, Tom Tancredo of the Independence Institute, Larry Dodge of the Fully Informed Jury Association, and Eric Klien of the Oceania new country project.

Pearson and Shaw popularized and expanded upon the free radical theory of aging and aging-related diseases, originated by Dr. Denham Harman. Their advocacy of this theory and of the use of anti-oxidants to prevent or retard free radical damage, earned them the scorn of the scientific and medical establishment. A decade later, the ideas they presented are entering the mainstream, often touted as "exciting new discoveries" in the media. Anti-oxidants are everywhere.

Pearson and Shaw are also long-time libertarians, who have been active for years in fighting the FDA's attempts to further restrict our right to self-medicate. Both are scientists with a generalist's approach and a wide range of interests, as the list of topics they will address suggests.

Fans of Pearson and Shaw should be particularly attracted by the opportunity to discuss personal life extension issues with them on Sunday afternoon prior to the end of the convention.

Another highlight of the convention schedule will be Neil Smith's presentation, "Hillary Behind Bars." Smith, a



Featured speakers Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw

nationally renowned firearms expert, is head of the Libertarian Second Amendment Caucus and author of several science fiction novels with strongly libertarian themes, including the classic alternate universe story, *The Probability Broach*.

Convention organizer Mary Margaret Glennie believes the strong lineup of speakers and accessible location may make this the most popular state convention yet, and recommends early registration to avoid disappointment.

We Need Your Help!

The Libertarian Party has launched its largest, most vigorous lobbying effort ever — to stop the Clinton health care “reform” plan in its tracks. *But we need your help!*

Called **Project Healthy Choice**, the effort will:

- Try to convince Congressmen and Senators to vote against the Clinton plan.
- Publicize the Libertarian Party Alternative Free Market Health Care Proposal.

“Clinton’s plan could come down to *just one vote* in the House or Senate — that’s how close his budget package was. Our lobbying could be the difference between success and failure!” said Steve Dasbach, national LP Chair.

On this fact sheet, we outline:

- **The highlights of the LP plan.**
- **Why the Clinton plan won’t work, and why the LP plan will.**
- **How you can contact your Senator and Congressman.**
- **A few lobbying tips.**
- **How to get the complete Project Healthy Choice Lobbying Kit.** (Just send a \$25 donation to the National LP headquarters. Details and address on the next page.)

“If we all work together on this, we can make sure the free-market, Libertarian alternative is heard!” said Dasbach.

The Libertarian plan will extend affordable health care to more American families — at no extra cost to the taxpayer.



Twenty years ago, health care was a \$42 billion per year industry.

Today, health care costs Americans more than \$2 billion per day, more than 14% of our Gross Domestic Product. These soaring costs are putting enormous financial pressures on American businesses, forcing thousands of small businesses to reduce or drop benefits for their employees. At the same time, nearly 35 million Americans lack health insurance.

But President Clinton’s proposals for socialized medicine are worse than the disease. The Clinton plan would

increase costs, destroy jobs, impose broad new taxes on the American people, destroy consumer choice, and lead to the rationing of care.

But the good news is: The Libertarian Party has a better way!



Highlights of the Libertarian Party Health Care Proposal:

1. Establish Individual Medical Accounts.

One key to controlling health care costs is strengthening the role of the individual health care consumer. As part of this process, an individual should be exempted from taxes on money deposited in a Medical Savings Account (MSA), in the same way that he currently pays no taxes on deposits to an IRA. Money could be withdrawn from an MSA without penalty to pay medical expenses. This would increase consumer responsibility, while increasing access and controlling costs.

2. Restructure Tax Policy. As a second consumer-based reform, taxes should be restructured to establish equity in the treatment of employer-provided health insurance, individually purchased health insurance, and out-of-pocket medical expenses. All health care expenditures should be 100% tax deductible. This will also add a measure of fairness to current tax policies which penalize the self-employed, part-time workers, and employees of small businesses, while subsidizing health care for the most affluent in our society.

3. Deregulate the health care industry. There should be a thorough examination of the extent

to which government policies are responsible for rising health costs and the unavailability of health care services. America can help lower health care costs and expand health care access by taking immediate steps to deregulate the health care industry, including elimination of mandated benefits, repeal of the Certificate-of-Need program, and expansion of the scope of practice for non-physician health professionals.

4. Replace the FDA.

The Food and Drug Administration is clearly an unnecessary burden on the American health care system. There is no evidence that the FDA offers Americans any real protection, but there is massive evidence that it is causing great harm — driving up health care costs and depriving millions of Americans of the medical care they need. The agency should be abolished and replaced with certification by a private-sector organization, similar to the way Underwriters Laboratory certifies electrical appliances.

5. Privatize Medicare and Medicaid.

The current Medicare and Medicaid systems have clearly failed. Costs are skyrocketing. Patients are receiving second rate care. And, providers are being shortchanged. The time is ripe for drastic reform. The federal government should begin to restructure the system to give Medicaid and Medicare recipients more flexibility to purchase private health insurance. ■



Here are five major reasons why the Clinton plan won't work:

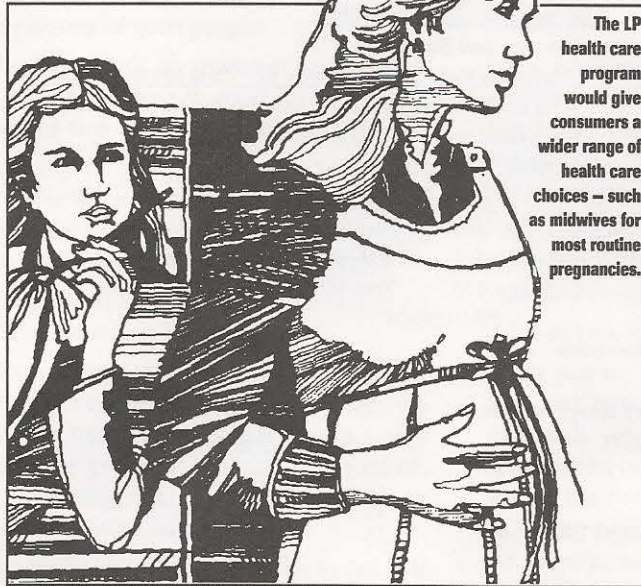
1) The Clinton plan forces all employers to pay 80% of the cost of health insurance for all employees. This is essentially a tax on employment, and will cost millions of jobs. Small businesses will be particularly hard hit.

2) Patients will find their ability to choose their own doctor severely restricted. Although the plan allows traditional fee-for-service plans, they will be priced out of the reach of most Americans. Most people will be funneled into managed care programs where they will not be able to choose their doctor.

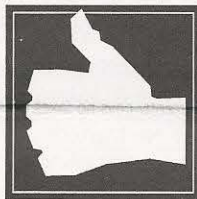
3) The Clinton plan is enormously bureaucratic, creating more than 70 new agencies, boards and commissions. The National Health Board alone is estimated to cost \$2 billion per year and have 50,000 employees.

4) The Clinton plan will require broad new taxes on the American people. Clinton's proposals to finance the plan are pure fantasy. He expects to pay for part of the program through \$71 billion in new revenue from increased economic activity generated by the plan — a plan that is going to throw people out of work and reduce tax revenue.

5) The Clinton plan's "health security card" could pose a significant threat to individual privacy. The government could obtain access to personal medical records. Already some groups are campaigning to make the health security card a national ID card. ■



The LP health care program would give consumers a wider range of health care choices — such as midwives for most routine pregnancies.



Here are five reasons why the free market-based Libertarian Party Health Care Proposal is a good idea:

1) The LP health care program would lower the cost of health insurance. By allowing people to pay for routine medical expenses with funds from a Medical Savings Account and making out-of-pocket expenses fully tax deductible, we would make it possible for people to purchase less costly catastrophic coverage to protect themselves against major health care expenses. This will greatly increase the number of people able to purchase health insurance.

2) The LP health care program would slash the

administrative costs of health care. Because we currently rely on third-party payment for most medical bills, unnecessary, burdensome and costly paperwork is created. Under the LP plan, small claims would essentially become cash transactions, eliminating insurance and administrative costs.

3) The LP health care program would give consumers a wider range of health care choices, including non-traditional health care.

4) The LP health care program would eliminate the fear of losing your health insurance if you lose your job. Medical savings accounts are

completely portable. An individual who loses his job can continue paying his insurance premiums out of funds in the account.

5) The LP health care program would preserve the American tradition of individual liberty and responsibility. It contains no mandates on individuals or businesses. At the same time, individuals would be responsible for their own health care and lifestyle decisions. ■

The Project Healthy Choice Lobbying Kit—how to get it.

The Project Healthy Choice Task Force has assembled a comprehensive lobbying package to provide Libertarians with the intellectual ammunition and lobbying skills needed to help convince their legislators in Washington to vote against the Clinton health care plan. For a donation of \$25 or more, you'll receive:

- > A brochure summarizing the five-point Libertarian health care plan.
- > An eight-page, scholarly "Briefing Paper" (complete with footnotes), itemizing objections to the Clinton plan, and explaining in greater detail — with supporting statistics and evidence — the Libertarian free market alternative plan.
- > 10 reasons to oppose the Clinton Plan, and 12 reasons to support the LP plan.
- > The office telephone and fax numbers for every Senator and Representative.
- > Information about other plans being considered in Washington.
- > An expanded list of lobbying tips, to make you more persuasive and effective.

Send donations to: Libertarian Party, 1528 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20003. Mention that it's for the Project Healthy Choice lobbying kit. ■



Here's how to write your Representative or Senator in Washington:

Representatives:

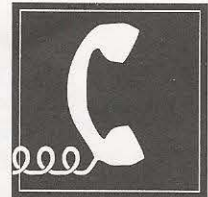
The Hon. _____
US House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Senators:

The Hon. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

A few tips:

- 1)** Use the proper form of address: "The Honorable..."
- 2)** Keep it short. Letters should not be more than one page long. State your point in the first paragraph.
- 3)** State exactly what you want them to do. Leave no doubt what course of action you are requesting. And make sure they know you're a constituent.
- 4)** Always be courteous. Being abusive only hurts your credibility.
- 5)** Specifically request a response to your letter, so your representative will have to explain his or her position in writing. ■



Here's how to call your Representative or Senator in Washington:

The switchboard for Congress is (202) 224-3121.

A few tips:

- 1)** Be brief. Get to the point right away — within the first minute of your phone call.
- 2)** Always identify yourself. Anonymous phone calls will be ignored. Make sure they know you're from the state or district of the politician you're calling.
- 3)** State exactly what you want your Representative or Senator to do. Leave no doubt what course of action you are requesting.
- 4)** Stay calm. Personal insults, threats, or yelling will be discounted.
- 5)** Specifically request a written response to your call. This forces your representative to explain his or her position in writing. ■

Colorado Libertarian Party 1994 Convention April 29 - May 1, 1994
Featuring Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw
Larry Dodge, Tom Tancredo, Eric Klien and L. Neil Smith

For: Anyone interested in non-aggression. Information - (303)484-8184.

When: . . . April 29 - May 1, 1994. Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Where: . . Roundup Ranch. 11.5 miles west of Sedalia on Colorado highway 67. Just south of Denver.

Lodging: . . The second floor of the lodge has several bunk rooms. You provide all bedding and linens. Camper hookups and tent spaces are also available. Lodging space is provided with the \$45 meal ticket.

Cost: Full package includes all programs and materials. Meals and lodging are extra.

Business Meetings	free	ala carte:	
Regular . . . before April 15, 1994	\$35	Half Day or Evening	\$12
Late before April 22, 1994	\$45	6 Meals and Camp Lodging	\$45
Door	\$55	Free Market/Information Tables	\$10

PROGRAM

Friday: 5:30-7:00 pm registration, reception

7:00-8:30 pm dinner

8:30-10:00 pm welcome: Mary Margaret Glennie

L. NEIL SMITH

Hillary Behind Bars.

Saturday: 8:00-8:45 am breakfast

8:45-9:00 am break

9:00-10:30 am BUSINESS MEETING

1...state reports

2...bids for 1995 convention

3...vote on bids for 1995 convention

4...candidate presentations

10:30-10:45 am break

10:45-11:45 am **DURK PEARSON and SANDY SHAW**

Killing the F.D.A. Before It Kills You.

11:45-12:00 n break

12:00-1:15 pm lunch

1:15-1:30 pm break

1:30-2:30 pm **DURK PEARSON and SANDY SHAW**

Pulling the Plug: No Unfunded Federal Mandates.

2:30-2:45 pm break

2:45-3:45 pm **ERIC KLIEN**

Oceania: A New Country.

3:45-4:00 pm break

4:00-5:00 pm **TOM TANCREDO**

The Independence Institute.

5:00-6:00 pm break

6:00-7:00 pm dinner

7:00-7:30 PM break

7:30-8:30 pm **LARRY DODGE**

FIJA (the Fully Informed Jury Association): Still Growing.

8:30- have fun

Sunday: 8:00-8:45 am breakfast

8:45-9:00 am break

9:00-10:30 am BUSINESS MEETING

1...elections

2...platform

3...constitution and by-laws

10:30-10:45 am break

10:45-11:45 am **DURK PEARSON and SANDY SHAW**

Feds Go Home: Who Own the Western Public Lands?

11:45-12:00 n break

12:00-1:15 pm lunch

1:15-1:30 pm break

1:30-2:30 pm **DURK PEARSON and SANDY SHAW**

Personal Life Extension Questions and Answers.

2:45-3:45 pm new board meeting

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REGISTRATION

(name) _____

(address) _____ (phone) _____

Registration(s) at ___\$35 Regular ___\$45 Late ___\$55 Door ___Table \$10 ___\$12 half day _____ ___\$45 Meals/Lodging TOTAL_____

Mail registration and payment to: 1994 LIBERTARIAN Convention; 1317 Lakewood Drive; Fort Collins, CO 80521

Your check is your receipt. Please pick up tickets at the convention. **THANK YOU!**

Announcing the Formation of a Militia, and Perhaps a Candidacy

by Jim Phelps

The solution to violence in our society is simple — more guns in the hands and on the persons of good people.

The gunman aboard the New York commuter train who shot 25 people, killing six, could have been stopped long before he got to number 25 if one or two people aboard that train had been carrying a gun.

The second amendment to our Constitution says "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

It is time someone formed a well regulated militia. I have done so. I have incorporated the American Militia, Inc.

Dues are \$20 a year. Regulations making it a "well regulated militia" will include requirements that the member be reasonably proficient in the handling of guns, use a gun only in the defense of persons or property or to stop a criminal, have never committed a felony, etc. All suggestions as to possible regulations would be appreciated.

I intend to advertise locally and nationally. I intend to put half of all dues in a legal defense fund that will be used to defend the rights of members to keep and bear arms.

If I get 10,000 members before the Colorado Libertarian Party nominates a candidate for governor, I intend to seek that nomination. If I am nominated, I pledge that I will spend at least \$50,000 of my own money on the campaign, which will be based strictly on Libertarian principles.

RANDOM NOTES

Legislative Liberty Line

The Legislative Liberty Line (303-839-9065) will be back in action with weekly recommendations when the Colorado State Legislature reconvenes in mid-January. If you want to keep tabs on the US Congress, call the National LP's hot line at 900-454-2378 (\$1.95 per minute). It changes monthly and is money spent on a good cause.

Free Speech

There is talk of either a referred constitutional amendment or a ballot initiative to change the Colorado Constitution's bill of rights so that local governments can control obscenity using First Amendment standards that are less broad than the Colorado Constitution's. This proposal is supported by the PTA and opposed by the ACLU, booksellers, and libraries. We'll try to keep you posted.

Drugs

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders called for a study on legalizing drugs, and the Denver Post supported her! David Aitken quickly sent them a letter praising their courage, and it was printed almost immediately.

I will not pussyfoot around on any issue. I will advocate legalization of drugs. Where drugs are concerned, money is the root of all evil, and the only way to destroy that root is to legalize drugs. I will promise to pardon all persons in jail for victimless crimes and all persons convicted of victimless crimes while I am in office.

I will stop the construction of more prisons and I will work to dismantle the bureaucracy as much and as rapidly as possible. I will argue the stupidity of government schools that provide inferior education while costing taxpayers twice as much as private schools.

I will advocate fully informed jury legislation, and in my campaign, I will educate the people of their right as jurors to vote their conscience and nullify any laws they feel are unjust.

I will not apologize for our principles, I will praise them.

Every journey begins with a single step. This journey begins here and now. How far it will go will depend on you and thousands of others. I don't have formal membership applications or a list of regulations yet. But if you want to be among the first to join, send me a check for \$20, payable to American Militia. I will have membership cards printed with the regulations on them. Please send any comments and suggestions along, too. The address is:

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Let's all protect our second amendment rights by joining a "well regulated militia."

Democracy Project

A copy of the 535 page Democracy Project Report is available from Bob Waldrop at Morning Glory Productions, POB 526175, Salt Lake City, UT 84152 for \$50.00. Governor Roy Romer will be getting a copy.

Help!

If you haven't registered to vote as a Libertarian, please do so. It's one way to let the government know you're mad as hell and won't take it any more. The Colorado LP is now the only qualified political organization in Colorado. All the others got decertified because they didn't run any candidates!

Which means that we *must* run at least one candidate for a qualifying office (governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general, U.S. Congress, state representative, or state senator) in order to maintain our status and allow people to register as Libertarians.

Colorado Membership

As of mid-December:

Registered Libertarians – 1632
Dues-paying members – 166
National Members – 323

Dr. Martin Luther King Day: Time for a Libertarian Tribute

by Max Winkler

In March of 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered in Memphis. The purported assailant was a semi-literate career criminal with little or no history of violence who suddenly acquired the skills of a professional assassin and the resources to evade a national police dragnet. Using finances well beyond his low-life thief status, he produced a perfectly forged passport and visas. He made it to several countries in Europe before finally being captured in Portugal as he was wildly spending a large bankroll on hookers and drunken binges.

When brought before a judge in Memphis to answer for the murder, he plea-bargained to avoid the possibility of a death sentence and a trial that would answer the real questions. How did a basically apolitical white trash low-life manage to assassinate a major world figure like King and why? Who helped Ray in the murder and why? Why was King really murdered? Could James Earl Ray really have acted alone?

Who was King and what was he really all about? Was he a dangerous demagogue and womanizer as some claimed? And if he had private proclivities towards compulsive hetero-

sexuality, what real relevance did that have to the substance of his message? Considering the intolerable abuses heaped on the natural rights of Americans of color in the 1950s and 1960s, and considering the self-serving opportunism of the self-styled "black revolutionaries" of the time, wasn't his message rational and digestible?

Dr. King never preached "Affirmative Action" or "Preferential Quotas." He talked about how people "should be judged by the content of their characters rather than the color of their skin." When the tides of early political correctness emerged on the international scene following the 1967 Six Day War in the Middle East, King refused to toe the line. He held fast and called anti-Zionism what he believed it really was: anti-Semitism. However you feel about his opposition to the Viet Nam War, many good people found America's involvement an agony and a national obscenity, and opposition to the Johnson policies was credible.

Dr. King initiated a non-violent movement for human rights that was correct and righteous. It may have averted bloody social and political turmoil in the U.S. And for that alone, he deserves to be honored. The hijacking of his message by the political opportunists of the left, with their quotas, affirmative action, and welfare entitlements, is an offense to a great American. Dr. King was about individual freedom, self-reliance, and equal opportunities for all. These are concepts that Libertarians easily comprehend and support. On Monday, January 17th, join the Colorado Libertarian contingent at the west side of City Park and march with us.

For more information and to assist with banners, etc., please call me at 467-1254.

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(Signature is required for national membership only.)

What does the above pledge mean? We ask our members to disavow the *initiation* of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you *do* have a right to defend your life, liberty, and property. It means that you cannot use the coercive power of government to forcibly achieve your personal, ethical or religious goals.

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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- 5&19 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center. Bruce Lockhart, (303) 223-7504.
- 8 Ft. Collins Libertarian Shootist Society. (303) 484-6824.
- 11 Ft. Collins 2nd Tue. Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
- 11 Western CO Libertarians, Mesa State College Student Center, 7 p.m. (303) 434-5113.
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- 18 Aurora Libertarians, Archie Malone's, Iliff & Buckley, 7 p.m. (303) 755-4843.
- 19 Jefferson Forum, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m. Speaker: State Rep. Penn Pfiffner (LR-Lakewood), "Will My Health Care Improve with Socialized Medicine?"
- 15 Denver Libertarian Gun Club. (303) 296-4059.

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