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*****COLORADO LIBERTARIAN CLIPBOARD*****

DENVER POST COVERS FIRST ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING OF
ELECTED LIBERTARIAN
CANDIDATES NEED FOR AURORA ELECTIONS

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:

Greetings! and a sincere apology for not getting the Clipboard out sooner. We'll do better next time!! Summer traditionally is the time when vacations, barbeques, and Bronco camp take precedent over politics, for many libertarians this is especially true. However, there have been some interesting developments. July 1st saw Doug Anderson sworn in as Denver Elections Commissioner for a four year term. Because of his election, media and public attention is at an all time high. Commission President Felicia Muftic reported at the most recent meeting, that she's never seen a commission meeting so well attended, and the Denver Post reported on the Commission's first meeting. Best of luck Doug as he attempts to spread Liberty in the corridors of Denver's City Hall....For you Cable tv and C-Span buffs (there's got to be one or two of you out there) it appears as if Mile Hi channel 58, the municipal access channel will begin broadcasting the Election Commission Meetings. Stay tuned... Could it be that another Denver happened in Aurora? The Daniels for Mayor Campaign in Denver and subsequent election of Doug Anderson gave the Libertarina Party unprecedented exposure. Now it has come to my attention that Aurora's election, like Denver's is technically non-partisan so our candidates will given equal treatment by the media, civic groups etc. WE NEED CANDIDATES! Offices up for election are : Mayor, Council at Large, and four Ward Districts seats. It only requires 25 signatures to get on the ballot for any of these positions. Here is another opportunity for neighborhood grass roots exposure to libertarins and as Doug Anderson's election proved, miracles do happen. For more info contact Dave Daniels, 777-7295; or the Aurora Election Information Office, 695-7122
Regards,
Dave Daniels

=====COLORADO PEACE MISSION JOINED=====

THE COLORADO LIBERTARIAN PARTY, BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HAS JOINED THE COLORADO PEACE MISSION, A COALITION OF SEVERAL COLORADO GROUPS WHO SHARE A GOAL OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH GROUP ARE SENT TO WASHINGTON AND TO DENVER TO PRESENT THIER VIEW AS A REPRESENTASTIVE OF THIER ORGANIZATION AND OF THE PEACE MISSION TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. THIS COALITION HAS BEEN SUCESSFUL IN OTHER STATES BY ACTUALLY EFFECTING LEGISLATIVE VOTES AND CHANGES.

=====A WEEKEND WITH CARL HESS=====

MARY MARGARET IS HOSTING A WEEKEND WITH KARL HESS, NOV 13-15TH. REGISTRATION IS \$50.00 AND IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS. IT'S FILLING UP FAST SO REGISTER TODAY BY SENDING YOUR MONEY TO MARY MARGARET AT 1317 LAKEWOOD DR., FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 (303) 484-8184.

=====DOGS AND CATS=====

THE FORT COLLINS COLORADOAN, IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT 101 THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FORT COLLINS, HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS. "A STRANGER WOULD HAVE HAD A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING THE MAN WAITING OUTSIDE THE LARIMER COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE RECENTLY. HE WAS UPSET AT THE SPECTOR OF INCREASES IN HIS PROPERTY TAXES. "WHAT WE NEED HE SAID, IS MORE MARY MARGARETS." THIS WOMAN WITH A NUN LIKE NAME IS FORT COLLIN'S MOST PROMINENT LIBERTARIAN. SHE FIGHTS TAXES LIKE DOGS FIGHT CATS.

=====PROFITS TOWARDS LIBERTY=====

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR FAVORITE LIBERTARIAN PROJECT, DAVID AITKENS WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU. HE'S INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING AN INVESTMENT CLUB RUN BY LIBERTARIANS FOR LIBERTARIANS. THIS CLUB WOULD INVEST IN STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS, AND/OR REAL PROPERTY WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING LIBERTARIANS RICHER AND THEREFORE, MORE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THEIR FAVORITE LIBERTARIAN CAUSE. THE MINIMUM INVESTMENT MAY BE \$100 OR POSSIBLY LESS. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO GET ON THE LIST, CALL DAVID AIKEN IN DENVER AT 303-831-4334.

=====NOTES FROM YOUR COMMUNICATION CHAIR:

JOHN NAISBET, AUTHOR OF "MEGATRENDS" SAID THAT PROPOSITION 13, THE CALIFORNIA TAX PROPOSAL OF SEVERAL YEARS PAST, WAS NOT A "TAX ISSUE", BUT A MANIFESTATION OF GRASS ROOTS POLITICS, OF LATERAL COMMUNICATION, OF BOTTOM UP COMMUNICATION FROM THE PEOPLE TO THE LEGISLATURES. WHILE I PERSONALLY ADVOCATE ACTION OVER RHETORIC, THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD IS NECESSARY TO CONVEY THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY TO THE UNINFORMED. HERE IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE, AS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TELEGRAPH, COLO SPRINGS:

"BILL RIGHTS IS EITHER DEAD OR DYING"

The most important part of our Constitution is the Bill of Rights. Knowing first hand the dangers of central government power, the framers wisely refused to approve the Constitution until these 10 important amendments were added. Are they still doing us any good 200 years later? Consider:

The first Amendment has been interpreted in such a muddled way that no one can be sure what it really protects any more. But government entities routinely force people to obtain "permits" in order "peaceably to assemble" and somehow that is not ruled unconstitutional.

Even though there has been no formal repeal, the Second Amendment has been wiped out. The federal government and all 50 states have gun prohibition laws. Even in the absence of a specific statute (as in Colorado), police routinely go after anyone they see with any weapon, take their weapons away and get away with it - while the government arms itself more heavily all the time.

The Fourth Amendment also has been defacto repealed. Search warrants have somehow become wanton destruction warrants. They are available to police officials at any time day or night, solely on their unverified statements, and used, not to locate bank robbers, but to enforce drug and weapons prohibition statutes. Worse, even in the absence of any warrant, police routinely search bodies, clothing, and home of people merely on ordinary settings and the courts do not rule this to be unconstitutional.

The Fifth Amendment has been rendered an empty paper promise. The quaint ruse of grants of immunity is used to force people to testify against themselves and police are allowed to force people to answer questions and sidplay documents on threat of arrest if they don't. The other side of the Fifth Amendment compensation for private property is also nearly dead, despite the recent Supreme Court decision. Zoning codes, building codes, and "condemnation" are all violations long countenanced by the courts, and no relief in sight.

The Sixth Amendment might as well not exist. Thanks to the government's plethora of laws, the courts are clogged because the number of people arrested and charges for exceeds the ability of the courts to try them. Instead of repealing laws and restraining the police, the government tries to coerce most defendants into signing away their constitutional due process rights through "plea bargains" and tries the rare individual who insists on a trial whenever it gets around to it. Months, even years go by and the courts call this a "speedy trial"

The Eighth amendment is dead, too. Some people are charged bail that exceeds most people's lifetime income, and the courts do not rule this unconstitutional. Others are denied bail altogether, despite the amendment's clear prohibition of this.

In short, there's almost nothing left of our Constitution as a bulwark against government violations of people's rights. The government - state and local as well as federal - does whatever it pleases, and most Americans simply let it go.
Patrick Lilly, Colorado Springs

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