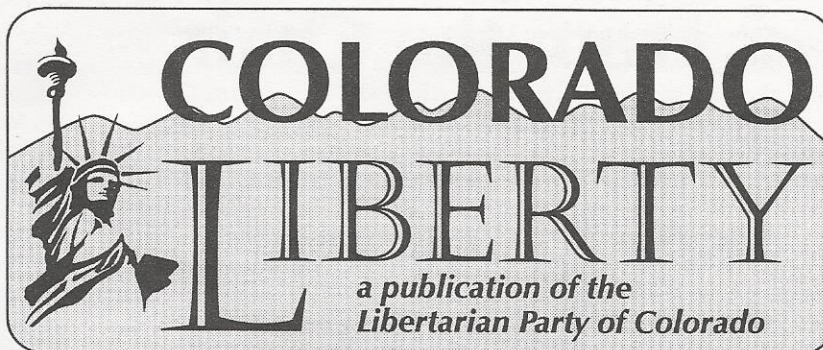


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75 People Attend Hemp/Cannabis Summit

By Ron Bain, Editor
Colorado Liberty

The Hemp/Cannabis Relegalization Summit, held Jan. 19th in Boulder, drew a crowd of about 75 pro-legalization activists from all political persuasions, and ultimately has resulted in the formation of the Colorado Cannabis Coalition.

Two meetings of the Coalition have occurred since the original meeting, which featured a distinguished panel including former State Sen. Lloyd Casey, Boulder County Commissioner Paul Danish, jury rights/hemp activist Laura Kriho, Breckenridge medical marijuana activist Doug Malkan and NORML attorney Warren Edson.

The Coalition plans in 1997 to introduce medical marijuana resolutions or initiatives in Denver, Boulder, Nederland and Fort Collins, to be followed in 1998 by a statewide medical marijuana ballot initiative.

So far members of the Coalition include Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats, Greens and representatives of the Tree of Life/Sacred Herb churches.

A popular theme at the Summit, sounded by both Casey and Danish, was the racist nature of the Insane War on Drugs. Casey pointed out that blacks make up 8% of Colorado's population, but constitute 22% of the state's prison population. Hispanics make up slightly over 16% of the state's population, but they make 29% of Colorado's prison population.

"I hate to use the word criminal justice, because there's no justice in the system," said Casey, who retired from the Colorado Senate this year. "But it's not popular politically to say that."

Danish pointed out that Americans all over the nation have been rejecting the old drug warrior mentality and arguments. Bob Dole tried to make his 'tough on drugs' stance a primary issue in the 1996 presidential campaign, and lost miserably to President Clinton, rightly or wrongly perceived as soft on drugs. Arizona and California voted by large margins to legalize marijuana for medical uses, and Arizona voters went so far as to legalize heroin, cocaine and LSD for medical prescription. A 'get tough on drugs' DA from Wakeene, Kansas was voted out of office in November.

"Kansas, like Arizona, is not known for its social liberalism," Danish quipped.

A popular speaker at the Summit was Laura Kriho, who in recent months has become a virtual poster child for the jury rights/juror nullification movement (see Page 3).

"I can only imagine that they're prosecuting me because I was involved in hemp relegalization," commented Kriho, who

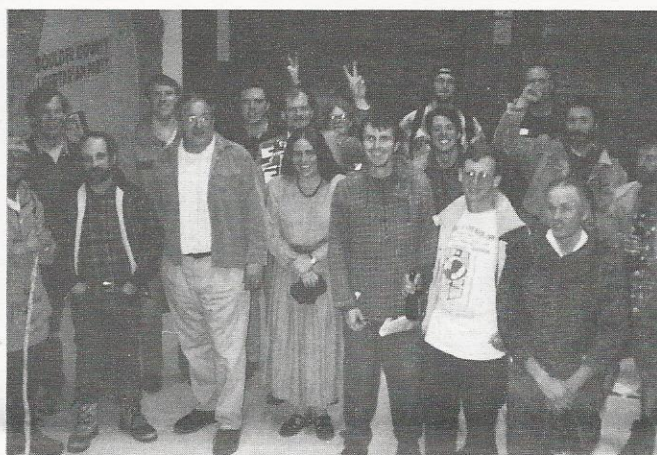


Photo by Andy Derringer

SUMMIT ATTENDEES: Some of the approximately 75 people who attended the Hemp/Cannabis Relegalization Summit in January are pictured here, including event organizer Ron Bain and panel member Laura Kriho (center).

explained the history of the hemp/cannabis legalization movement in Colorado:

In 1985, Jack Herer published *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*, detailing the benefits and history of cannabis. In 1988, Libertarians Jon Baraga and Robin Heid were leading the local relegalization movement with, respectively, the Rocky Mountain Hemp Network and the No More Drug War Foundation.

By 1992, the Help End Marijuana Prohibition petition had collected 56,000 signatures, almost but not quite enough to get on the ballot. In 1994, an effort spearheaded by the Colorado Hemp Initiative Project fell short of ballot access with only 22,000 signatures.

Sen Casey contacted CO-HIP and offered to carry an industrial hemp bill in the Colorado Legislature, which was defeated in both 1995 and 1996 following adverse testimony from the DEA. Currently, Rep. Kay Alexander (R-Montrose) is shepherding a similar bill through the legislature (see Page 10).

Attorney Edson mentioned that "there's money out there" to do the same initiative process in Colorado as in California and Arizona. Danish agreed, noting that the Drug Policy Foundation's George Sorros, "a great American," is offering to fund similar efforts in states that show promise.

The CCC plans to write Sorros and ask for funding.

From the Chair

What a year we've had...thanks to YOU! We have had an incredible number of successful events that took a lot of time and a lot of money. You are the reason we have had such a great year.

Here are some of the many things that we have done:

- Colorado State Fair Booth - Trained volunteers and staffed it for three weeks in Pueblo;
- LP National Convention in Washington, D.C. - 25 Colorado delegates attended and helped select Harry Browne as the 1996 Libertarian presidential nominee;
- Dinners for Browne and VP Candidate Jo Jorgensen - More than 200 people attended the Browne event and raised \$18,000; Jorgensen was featured at a Candidates' Night;
- A Dozen Candidates on the Colorado Ballot - Twelve, count 'em, 12, Libertarian names appeared on 1996 ballots in Colorado for President and Vice-President, U.S. Congress, the Colorado House of Representatives, RTD districts and county commissioner.
- Lawsuits Filed - Against Amendment 15/Campaign Reform and to get RTD to refund excess funds to taxpayers.
- A Quality Newsletter - Thanks to Ron Bain, Richard Combs, Chris Hendrickson and all the contributors for the regular publication of the *Colorado Liberty*.
- Well-Written Press Releases and Fund-Raising Letters - Thanks to Larry Hoffenberg and Bette Rose Smith for their fine efforts.
- Jury Rights Day Demonstration at CU and the Hemp/Cannabis Relegalization Summit, both organized by Ron Bain;
- The Statewide LP Picnic - Which, amazingly enough, garnered press coverage;
- An Increasing Awareness of FIJA and Jury Rights - Thanks to Laura Kriho (we're keeping our fingers crossed,

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Laura, no jail time):

- Lobbying the Colorado Legislature - It's amazing how many bills (RTD privatization, third party ballot access, industrial hemp) are making progress this year;

- Alliance with C.O.S.T. Against the Stadium Tax - Opposition is building so fast we may nip it in the bud before it gets on the ballot;

- Two Elected Officials Joined the LPC - Welcome to David Bishop and Doug Carlsten;

- Letters to the Editor - Kudos to everyone who had letters published, especially Ron Bain who wrote guest editorials in the *Colorado Statesman* and the *Colorado Daily*;

- AIDSWalk & MLK Day Parade Participation - Our human side showed through when Chris Bogart and Max Winkler organized participation in these events;

- Half A Slate in '98 - Campaigns Director Doug Anderson is setting the stage for another great year in 1998 with his candidate recruitment program for the Colorado House;

- Conference of State Chairs - In early March, that's where I'll be, working on future direction, goals and strategies.

I hope to see many of you at the state convention in Estes Park on April 18-20. We'll vote on a new board and bylaws changes, and plan for another great year!

In Liberty, Sandra Johnson, LP of Colorado Chair

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Come to Protest Laura Kriho's Sentencing March 7th

GILPIN COUNTY - On Feb. 10th, Laura Kriho was convicted of contempt of court for failing to *volunteer* information about her political beliefs and knowledge during jury selection.

Kriho is the first victim of a newly minted crime -- failure to answer questions that weren't asked.

The Kriho case is the first like it in over 300 years. In 1670, Edward Bushell was the last juror to be jailed for his 'not guilty' vote in the trial of William Penn.

Kriho was the lone holdout for acquittal on a jury in a drug case last May in Gilpin County that ended in a mistrial. The court inquired as to the identity of the holdout juror and had Kriho investigated. Detectives uncovered the fact that she was an active proponent of hemp as an alternative fiber crop, that she had a drug arrest 12 years ago that was supposed to have been wiped from her record, that she was familiar with the doctrine of jury nullification, and that she had questioned the efficacy of laws and sentences related to illegal drugs while in the jury room. She was charged with contempt of court in July. Her two-day trial ended Oct. 2nd.

First Judicial District Chief Judge Henry Nieto took an unusually long time, over four months, to issue a verdict in the case. When it was finally rendered, it was nine pages long. In it, the judge cleared Kriho of two aspects of the contempt charge: violating a court order and perjury. But he convicted her of contempt for "obstructing the administration of justice" by failing to *volunteer* information about her political beliefs during jury selection, even though she was never specifically asked.

Kriho's conviction should be seen as a threat to the very foundations of our justice system. "This ruling creates a new

legal duty in which a juror is obliged to volunteer confessions not only of prior sins but of current thought crimes," said Paul Grant, Kriho's Libertarian attorney. "The court is trying to intimidate anyone with an independent mind. We should all be very concerned about this case."

The ruling appears to be a direct attack on jury rights and the independence of juries from judges. The ruling implies that jurors do *not* have the right to remain silent, but anything a juror says or doesn't say can be used to prosecute her or him later. Not only will this chill free and open deliberations in the jury room, but it puts prospective jurors in a dangerous and untenable position. It threatens to destroy the jury system as it is known.

Judge Nieto thinks differently. In a *Weekly Register-Call* story, dated Feb. 14th, Nieto said that a jury of your peers never meant that a jury would be composed of those persons that could identify with the defendant.

Kriho's sentencing has been set for Friday, March 7th at 3 p.m. at the Gilpin County Justice Center. The Libertarian Party of Colorado and the Colorado Legal Eagles, both vocal proponents of jury rights, have called for a massive demonstration at the Gilpin Justice Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

Gilpin County, the smallest county in the state, is located in the mountains about 20 miles west of Denver. The Gilpin County Justice Center is located on Colo. Hwy. 46 (Golden Gate Canyon State Park Road) about a half a mile east of Colo. Hwy. 119.

To speak in favor of expanded courtroom media coverage at the sentencing, contact the Gilpin County Justice Center at (303) 582-5522.

Calendar of Events

March

- 4 Ft. Collins 1st Tuesday Breakfast Club, Tony's 224 S. College, 7 a.m. (970) 224-3116.
- 6 Libertarian Community of Jefferson County, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m.
- 7 Protest the Sentencing of Laura Kriho, Gilpin County Justice Center, 2 p.m., Half-Mile East of the Intersection of Colo. Hwys. 46 & 119. Contact Ron Bain (303) 443-9179.
- 11 Denver Activists, at the home of David Aitken, 1240 Ogden, #4, Denver, 7 p.m. Call (303) 831-4334 for details.
- 12 LP of Boulder County Board Meeting, Mountain Mike's Pizza, King Soopers Plaza at 30th & Arapahoe, Boulder, 6:30 p.m.

- 20 Stadium Tax Debate featuring Ted Hackworth and Porter Wharton III, Knights of Pythias Hall, 1127 S. Tejon, 7 p.m.

April

- 8 Denver Activists, at the home of David Aitken, 1240 Ogden, #4, Denver, 7 p.m. Call (303) 831-4334 for details.
- 15 Protests All Over the Place - check with your local coordinator.
- 18 Libertarian Party of Colorado Annual Convention, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park on Hwy. 7. For more information, call
- 20 Mary Margaret at (970) 484-8184.

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From the Editor:

A Libertarian Fairy Tale

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Once there was a creature made from wisdom gone awry -- a demonic, multi-fanged, grossly huge Vampire which fed only on the sweat of the brow or the inalienable rights of the People.

Because the People had to work to support themselves, sweat appeared on their brows. The Monster sucked it right off. Because the People's rights were inalienable, they kept reappearing and manifesting everywhere -- but the Monster would chew them right up every time. And so it went for a very long time.

Such was the size of the Vampire that it simultaneously held millions -- nay, billions -- of victims, its multiply-fanged mouths and worldwide tentacles sucking the brow sweat and rights out of them all.

"Submit or die!" the Monster would whisper to its victims.

In reality, though, the Vampire mostly kept its victims alive but weak. Its genuine preference was to keep its victims alive for a long, long time, because the older ones -- on average -- produced more brow sweat. Occasionally the Monster would kill a few outright, for no apparent reason, just to keep the others frightened. And this always worked -- a shudder would run through the entire community every time someone voiced a protest, as no one ever knew where or when the Monster would take its revenge...

What was the name of this vicious and evil thing, created out of ideas which were thought to be so simple and so easy to understand? Spit out like a curse, the name is spoken only by the brave in dark places, like jails and accountants' office, and even the brave dare not speak it often:

NosferatU.S.

The only by-product of NosferatU.S. was -- excuse the term -- vampire shit. The Monster shat wars and laws and prisons, corporate welfare and tobacco subsidies in combination with do-gooder rules, concriptions and prohibitions, and lots of silly paper that was no good -- even for cleaning up all the vampire shit. The Monster shat upon the young, he shat upon the old; he shat upon the businessman and the employee; he shat upon the grassy knolls and the verdant woodlands; he shat upon you and me.

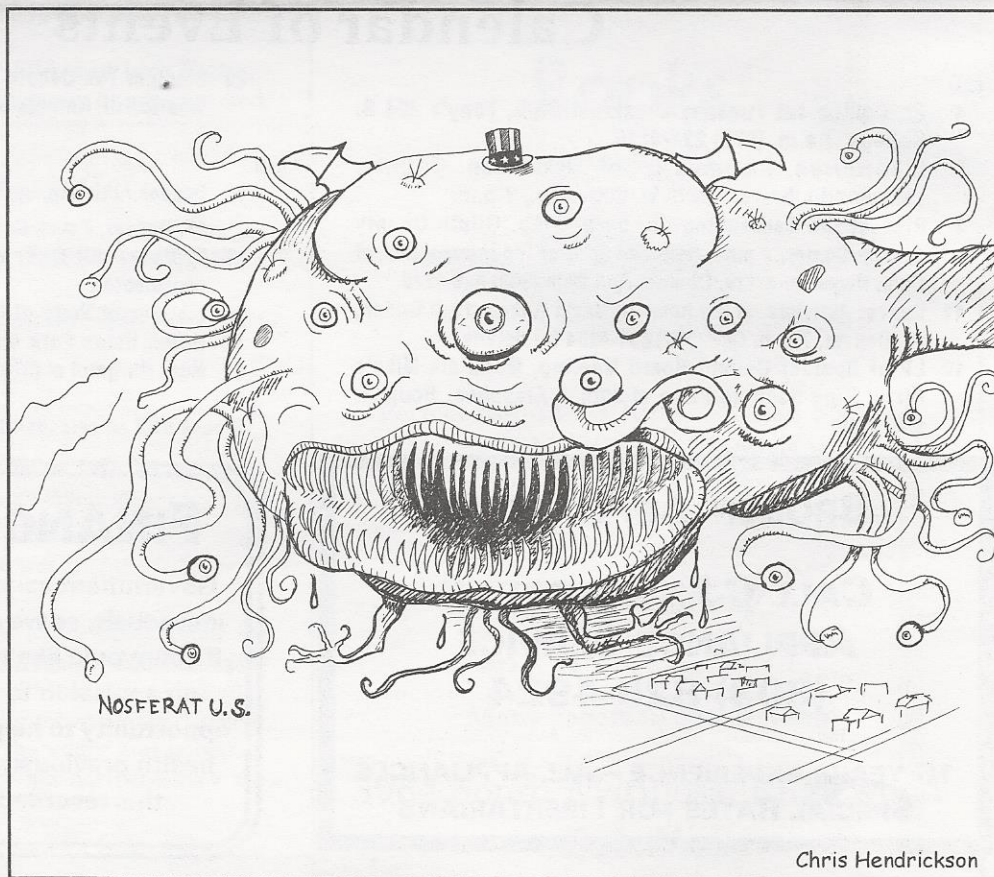
Sometimes there would be a few who would stand, shake their

fists and shout "No!", refusing to submit. Most of these NosferatU.S. simply ignored, plunging his fangs into their brow sweat anyway, uncaring about their urgent protests. Others managed to hold the Monster at bay, just inches away from their sweating brows, by forming together into large groups of victims called Kor-Por-Ay-Shuns, which were protected by thin walls made of vampire-resistant garlic and legal incantations. But NosferatU.S. managed to feed off the Kor-Por-Ay-Shuns, too, sometimes by bribing them with a tidbit here or several tidbits there.

And thus it had been for so long. However, there was a small group -- old ones who rembered and young ones who had heard tales about the olden days. Days when the Monster had been chained and tamed, when it would prowl the shores and live off of what it could find there, chasing the occasional invader away. Back then, the only shit the vampire extruded was harder and didn't stink so much. And it was a lot easier to use, too, because if you put it away for awhile and took it out later, it still filled the same volume as when you put it away.

Well, anyway this tiny group that remembered the olden days -- they were called Libber-Tare-Eeans -- they started putting together a big stake, a sharp pointy thing with which to subdue NosferatU.S. At first, the Vampire ignored them but as the number of people working on the stake grew, the Monster began to shake its tentacles threateningly. NosferatU.S. would not admit it, but he was afraid of the stake

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*Why would YOU want to celebrate with fellow friends of LIBERTY at the
1997 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention
in the breathtaking Rocky Mountains
at the historic Stanley Hotel in Estes Park ?*

*Why would YOU want to spend one-on-one time with Michael Cloud,
Mark Draper, Orlin Grabbe, Danny Hashimoto,
Boston T. Party (Ken Royce) and Penn Pfiffner ?*

Why would YOU want to bring a woman as a guest ?

What do YOU have to gain

by increasing the participation of women in the Libertarian Party ?

*Why would YOU invite a non-libertarian woman to investigate
this mostly male home for freedom lovers ?*

WOMEN'S PANEL. Any woman attending the Libertarian Convention is invited to volunteer for this probing panel. Please help to discover how to attract more women to the Libertarian Party.



The Stanley Hotel...enduring fascination

There has always been a fascination with The Stanley. It was built between 1907 and 1909, and almost immediately, the stream of international celebrities began. President Teddy Roosevelt was an early guest; so was the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown. Since then, there has been a host of show business people (Bob Dylan with Joan Baez, Dick Cavett), sports greats (Brooks Robinson, Bill Walton) and politicians. Even the Emperor and Empress of Japan made it a requested part of their state visit to the United States in 1994!

Part of the appeal is the beautiful Georgian architecture, with its perfect, classic proportions. When it was designed, Mr. Stanley (a co-inventor of the Stanley Steamer and the dry plate on which all modern photography is based) mimicked the grand hotels of Europe and the eastern U.S. And part of the appeal is certainly the building's historical associations.

A lot of it, though is its location, a man-made jewel set in the grandeur of the Colorado Rockies, with the best view in the whole valley of the Front Range.

That combination is what Stephen King liked, when he made the hotel the central character of his novel, "The Shining". He called it "The Overlook" when he wrote the book in 1975 after a visit, and the hotel will be the star again, in a mini-series made for television. It was filmed last winter (they had to truck in snow, because The Stanley never gets snowed in!), and will be shown this spring on ABC.



This is not the first time The Stanley has been filmed: part of "Dumb and Dumber" was shot here in 1994, and "The Palace of Her Dreams" was done in 1995. However, "The Shining" is the story most closely associated with it, and Stephen King came back to direct this version himself.

Just so you don't worry while you're watching the show, though, we'll tell you now that the climax, when the hotel goes up in flames, is fiction!

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Friday: 7:00-8:00 pm registration, reception
8:00-10:00 pm welcome: Mary Margaret
DANNY HASHIMOTO

Saturday: 8:00-9:30 am BUSINESS MEETING
1...state reports
9:30-10:00 am break
10:00-11:00 am **KEN ROYCE**
11:00-11:30 am break
11:30-12:30 pm **MICHAEL CLOUD**
12:30-2:00 pm lunch break
2:00-3:00 pm **WOMEN'S PANEL**
3:00-3:30 pm break
3:30-5:30 pm BUSINESS MEETING
1...platform
5:30-7:00 pm break
7:00-7:30 pm reception with no host bar
7:30-11:00 pm banquet
. **MARK DRAPER**
. **MICHAEL CLOUD**

Sunday: 8:00-9:30 am BUSINESS MEETING
1...bids for 1997 convention
3...elections
9:30-10:00 am break
10:00-11:00 am **ORLIN GRABBE**
11:00-11:30 am break
11:30-12:30 pm **MICHAEL CLOUD**
12:30-2:00 pm lunch break
2:00-3:00 pm **PENN PFIFFNER**
3:00-3:30 pm break
3:30-4:30 pm NEW BOARD MEETING

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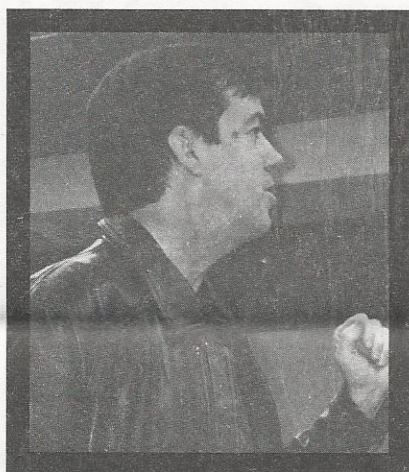
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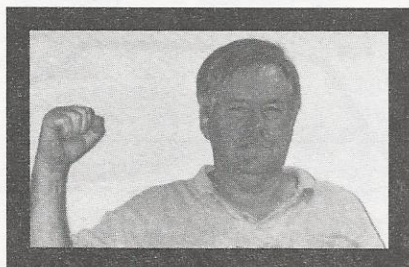
MICHAEL CLOUD. Michael Cloud organized the Harry Browne for President Campaign and served as Projects Manager.

Mr. Cloud writes and does marketing for non-profit organizations, campaigns, and businesses. He has ghostwritten six books, one doctoral dissertation, and 421 speeches for clients. He's the creator of the *Essence of Political Persuasion* tapes.

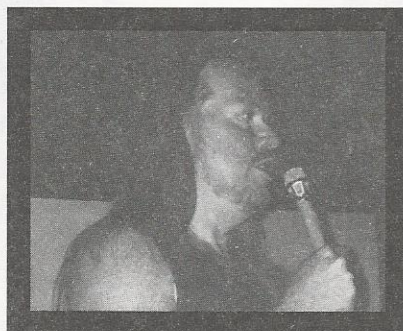
Michael Cloud raises funds and recruits new members for the Alcor Foundation.



MARK DRAPER. Dr. Mark Draper is a rarity in academia, an intellectual warrior and courageous defender of individual rights. His outspoken assault on political correctness cost him the Chair of Humanities at the University of Charleston. A Stanford educated scholar, he now serves with The Institute for American Liberty in Washington, D. C.



ORLIN GRABBE. Orlin Grabbe is writing a book on anonymous digital cash. He is the author of *International Financial Markets*, 3rd edition. His political/economic web site is located at: [hHp://www.aci.net/Kalliste/](http://www.aci.net/Kalliste/).



DANNY HASHIMOTO. Danny Hashimoto is the developer of the "Reliance Defense Strategy" which effectively blocks I.R.S. criminal prosecution of individuals. He was victorious over the I.R.S. in U.S. v. Hashimoto, 878 F. 2d 1126. Danny received "The Paul Revere Award" from the National Commodity and Barter Association for his dedicated, consistent and successful efforts to awaken and alert his fellow man to the present dangers to their freedoms.



BOSTON T. PARTY (KEN ROYCE). Kenneth Royce, occasionally known as "Boston-T-Party," is a lifelong entrepreneur degreed in international finance, and libertarian author highly regarded for his

warm, lucid rendering of intricate material. His first book, published in 1992 after 10 years of research, was *Good-Bye April 15th !* a ground-breaking history and how-to on avoiding erroneous federal tax/regulatory jurisdiction. He has appeared on many radio and television talk shows, including Bill Cooper's "The Hour of the Time," Mark Osterman's "Law Talk," and Robert Ellis' "Degrees of Freedom."

Boston's new book, *You & The Police !* is a brisk, honest discussion on winning the police encounter through courageous knowledge. His next book was *Hologram of Liberty - Beneath the Constitutional Patina*. He is currently working on *CyberCold*, a privacy-protected, digital alternative to national currencies and orthodox EFTs.

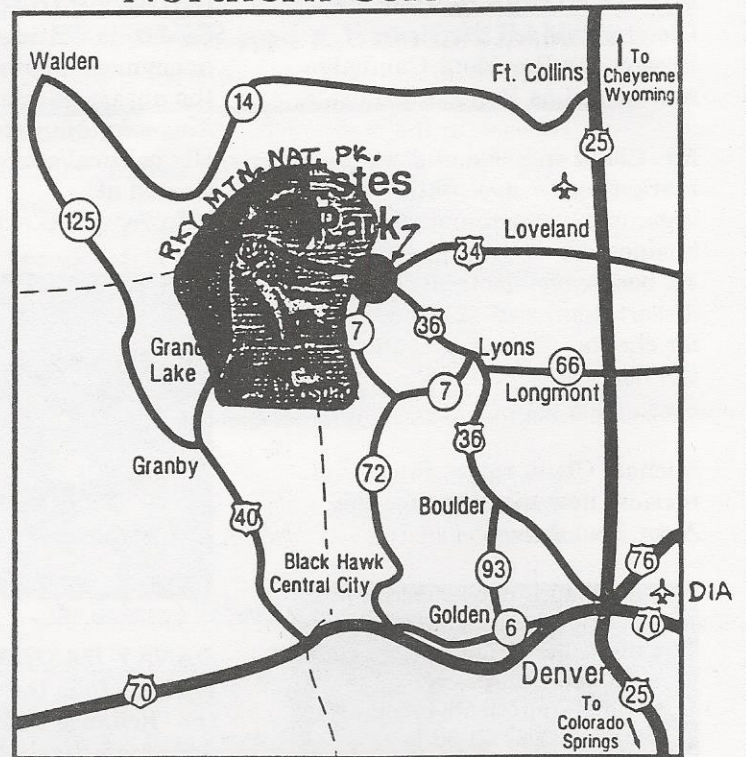
A tireless autodidact, Royce's passions include inventing, publishing, motorcycle travel (to over 20 countries), flying, law, glassblowing, languages, cartoon voice-overs, martial arts, intelligent discourse and adventurous alpine living. He is also an accomplished pistolero and rifleman, as well as a defensive firearms instructor.



PENN PFIFFNER. Penn Pfiffner, a two time past chair of the Colorado Libertarian Party, is currently serving his third term in the Colorado House as a Republican. (no photo)

*Estes Park !
Come Early.
Stay Late.
Enjoy Your Self.*

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Estes Park also is accessible from the west by way of Trail Ridge Road (U.S. Highway 34) from Granby and Grand Lake.



The map depicts the town of Stanley, Idaho, and its surrounding area. Key features include:

- Streets:** Virginia Dr, Big Horn Dr, Cleave St, Elkhorn Ave, Moraine Ave, E Riverside Dr, MacGregor Ave, Park Ln, Stanley Ave, and Mocassin Dr.
- Highways:** Highway 34 runs horizontally across the top, and Highway 36 runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right.
- Landmarks:**
 - A school building is located near the intersection of MacGregor Ave and Highway 36.
 - A church is situated on Stanley Ave near Highway 36.
 - A bridge crosses a river (likely the Snake River) near the intersection of Moraine Ave and Highway 36.
- Other Features:**
 - A road sign pointing "To Devils Gulch Rd" is shown at the top left.
 - A large, detailed illustration of a hummingbird feeding from a flower is positioned in the lower right quadrant.
 - A medical symbol (a cross in a square) is located near Mocassin Dr.

Affiliate Corner

Metro Affiliates Band Together with C.O.S.T.

Libertarian affiliates from Denver, Jefferson, Boulder and Adams Counties as well as Aurora are banding together with the Citizens Opposed to the Stadium Tax to defeat the proposed Broncos stadium tax before it ever gets on the ballot.

Two events have been scheduled that will be of interest to stadium tax opponents:

- On Thursday, March 20th, there will be a debate about the stadium tax featuring Denver City Councilman Ted Hackworth, arguing against the tax, and tax proposal Campaign Manager Porter Wharton III. The debate starts at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 1127 S. Tejon (on Tejon just south of Mississippi). Call Denver LP Program Coordinator Bill Robinson at 758-1066 or 756-6601 for more details.

- On Monday, April 7th, a combined C.O.S.T./Libertarian strategy meeting for all metro area stadium tax opponents, hosted by the Jefferson County Libertarian Community. The location is the Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

"With so much public interest in this issue, it presents a wonderful opportunity not only to oppose taxation, but to spread the Libertarian message about the function of government in a free society," commented Jerry Hatch of the JCLC. For more information about the Lakewood meeting, contact Hatch at (303) 421-3675.

Boulder Group Is Staying Active

Pausing not a moment to rest on their laurels from the recent Hemp/Cannabis Relegalization Summit (see Page 1), the Boulder County Libertarian Party is forging ahead with several other projects.

Boulder Libertarian Nathan Schomer has announced his desire to run for Boulder City Council in November, but has hit a snag: he's too young, 21. Schomer plans to petition the council to lower the eligibility age from 25, and also plans to present a proposal concerning medical marijuana to the council.

Under consideration are booths at the Boulder Creek Festival, during the Memorial Day weekend, and the Freedom Festival in July. Other outreach meetings, on subjects such as taxes or alternative medicines, are in the early planning stages.

New Affiliates Forming in Colorado

The Colorado towns of Limon, Gunnison, Florissant and Greeley are actively beginning or reactivating Libertarian affiliates, according to Affiliates Director Deb Bishop.

Voter lists and Libertarian information have been forwarded to LP representatives in each of those towns, Bishop said, and interested residents can contact her to find who their local representative is. Bishop's telephone number is (303) 988-6827.

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Random Notes

Tupa's H.B. 1168 passed by Colorado House

House Bill 1168, which would make ballot access easier for Colorado third parties, is progressing through the Colorado Legislature, having been passed by the Colorado House of Representatives. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Ron Tupa (D-Boulder).

H.B. 1168 would automatically make the Libertarian Party of Colorado a fully qualified political party because the LPC already meets one of the bill's provisions: having more than 1,000 registered members.

Other ways that a third party could obtain partywide ballot access would be to get 10,000 valid signatures, or obtain 5% of the popular vote in a statewide election.

Currently, the only way for a third party to gain full ballot access is to obtain 10% of the popular vote in the governor's race.

Publications Director needed

You are reading the last issue of the *Colorado Liberty* to be produced by the team of Ron Bain and Richard Combs. If you have a background in writing, desktop publishing or on-line publishing, please consider running for the office of Publications Director at the state convention in April.

Pfiffner's RTD privatization bill moves ahead

The proposal from three-term Rep. Penn Pfiffner (R-Lakewood) to expand the RTD routes staffed by private contractors from 20% to 50% was passed by the House Transportation Committee in February.

The bill will save taxpayers money by using fewer RTD union drivers, Pfiffner says.

A two-term former chairman of the state Libertarian Party, Rep. Pfiffner will be a featured speaker at this year's state LP convention in Estes Park (see center section).

CSU closer to growing experimental hemp

Freshman Rep. Kay Alexander (R-Montrose) pulled together supporting testimony in February from farmers, agricultural organizations, hemp retailers, environmentalists and scientists to persuade the House Agriculture Committee to pass her bill authorizing Colorado State University to grow controlled experimental hemp as early as this summer.

Alexander's bill also would set up a committee to privately fund and investigate the potential for large-scale cash hemp crops in the state.

A Libertarian Fairy Tale

which was a construct, a conglomeration of ideas in the form of documents, books, articles, pamphlets and the collected works of thousands of free thinkers. And ideas constituted the only thing that NosferatU.S. feared!

At the base of the stake were the foundation ideas: The Magna Carta; The Declaration of Independence; The U.S. Constitution; The Bill of Rights; the philosophy of Hume, Locke and Thoreau; the writings of Thomas Jefferson, Tom Paine and James Madison; the wisdom of Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin. Forming the shaft were the economic verities of Hayek, Spooner, Kondratieff, Friedman and Rothbard; the fiction of Rand, Orwell, Huxley and Heinlein; the political histories of Hess, Goldwater and Douglas. Forming the sharp tip that would pierce NosferatU.S.' vampire armor were the accumulated personas of Smith, O'Rourke, Thompson, Clark, Lewis, Bergland, Marrou, Lord and Browne!

Armed with this giant stake, the Libber-Tare-Eeans tried many times to breach the defenses of NosferatU.S. Finally after 50 years of intense effort, the stake was

driven home in the creature's breast, causing the tentacles to slacken from around its victims and stopping the sucking activity of its many mouths. The Libber-Tare-Eeans banned the Monster back to the shores and told it to start producing the hard, useful shit again.

"No more sucking up brow sweat or inalienable rights! We won't tolerate that behavior any more!" they told the Monster, and they showed it the stake once more. They again put the constitutional chains on NosferatU.S. and banished him to the shores, the mints and the courts, where he belonged.

The Libber-Tare-Eeans have to maintain eternal vigilance even to this day, because the Vampire occasionally tests its bounds. But for a long time, the People have been free to keep the sweat of their brows and their inalienable rights, thanks to the Libber-Tare-Eeans. And that's the way it should be...forever and ever.

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