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Lady Liberty's perspective of the '01 Bolder Boulder

By Lady Liberty

History was made in Boulder on Memorial Day (May 28th 2001) as the press slept. This brings me to the age old question about the tree in the forest, and subsequently, if news happens in Boulder, and the press ignores it, is it still news? For thousands of people in and along the route of this year's Bolder Boulder, it was! While on vacation from my perch on that tiny island off of the shores of Manhattan proper, I chose Boulder, Colorado to spend one of liberty's most important holidays (just behind July 4th and the Bill of Rights day). I had long been told of an anti-liberty leaning within the county -- and more so the city -- of Boulder, and while that may be true of its political leaders, and as recently proven, its press, it can certainly not be said of its citizens (at least those whom I met along my historic journey).



Miss Liberty (Joe Johnson) standing tall at the start of the Bolder Boulder.

Liberty chose to participate in this year's Bolder Boulder. I had heard that this race, ten kilometers in length, had grown so in popularity that the number of participants were about to exceed that of my home town's "New York Marathon"! And while the politicians of New York city largely refuse to embrace

liberty, I have found that her citizens have chosen mainly to ignore the recent wealth of anti-freedom laws. I hope that it is a sense of patriotism, and not simple lawlessness, but I digress.

So, with this chance to see so many people in one place celebrating, all the while keeping in shape, I entered the Bolder Boulder. Joining me were **Chuck Wright, Elizabeth Bennett, Greg Woods, John Pooch, Wesley Pinchot, Hans Romer, and Katrina Damon.**

As many of you already know, and as the press was made aware via a press release one week prior, I, Lady

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As we walked along the course (I can't run anymore, but I walk at a nice clip -- not bad for a lady more than one hundred years old!), I was inspired by all of the cheers and chants for liberty and the Libertarian Party. Several people yelled out "Go New York City", which gave me hope that the public school system has not completely destroyed any and all hope of the acquisition of knowledge -- after all, these people remembered where I was from (although chances are high that they were home schooled). Of course, they were not completely correct really, and only one man yelled "Vive la liberté!" -- recognizing me as a French native. But again I digress.

As we traveled along our chosen course, I could hear the voices of Chuck and Elizabeth yelling "One million dollars! Get your one million dollars! Lady liberty wants you to be free, and have a million dollars!" I must admit that I wept. For people all over the course were accepting our invitation to be free. Many stopped to not only snap my photo, but to take this small token of liberty. As I passed the numerous professional photographers, I would smile and wave (ever the ham for cameramen), and was filled with a sense that I, a mere representative of a greater ideal -- liberty -- was welcome. Tens of people screamed out "Yeah Libertarians!", and one man even commented "I'm going to vote Libertarian even if only for this alone!" Clearly we were exciting the crowds. It has been a long time since I felt this alive.

Of course, we had our run-in with the oppressors, just as one would imagine. Just before the slight hill which leads into the stadium, the "men in black" (the course

security guards) confronted me and told me that I had to leave the course. When asked why, I was told that no stilts were allowed on the race course (I guess they never saw a tall green women before). Finding it more than humorous that they chose to wait until I had covered 98% of the course to spring this new rule upon me, I assured them that having paid the exorbitant entry fee, and having already walked 9 3/4 kilometers, there was no mere mortal that would prevent me from entering the stadium, and thus an entire hoard of black shirted anti-freedom goons surrounded me, and forced me to the sidelines. Being no stranger to repression, I told the head man that I will take off the "stilts" if necessary, but there was no way in Hell that I was going to be denied finishing the race before the crowd of thousands within the stadium walls. To this he reluctantly agreed, and liberty advanced forward -- even if hobbled.



The Libertarian Bolder Boulder group. From left to right: John Pooch, Wesley Pinchot, Elizabeth Bennett, Lady Liberty, Hans Romer, and Katrina Damon.

After my height impairing alteration, I walked up the hill toward the stadium. Upon reaching the mouth of the stadium, I, ever defiant of unjustified authority, regained my original height (put my

stilts back on), and entered proudly -- the stadium! As a result of my delay with the men in black however, I was now clearly late in finishing my historic journey, and the start of the professional women's race was about to begin (this race begins and ends in the stadium), and so the attention of the cameras, as well as many of the audience, were on these fine female athletes (a reminder of my younger days in the "race" for liberty). Nonetheless, I crossed the finish line waving to the crowd of thousands, my "Exercise Liberty or Lose it -- Vote Libertarian!" sign proudly held high, as it had been from the start! These words were also printed on the t-shirts of the volunteers. Tens of thousands of spectators witnessed (and cheered) my journey, which did not end with the entrance into the stadium, but rather led me up to the main deck of the stadium around its length to the opposite side, down to the Boulder creek, and ending ultimately at the Libertarian booth at the Boulder Creek Festival, one

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Quotation...

Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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mile west. This journey was grand indeed, as shown by the support of everyone we encountered. Yet if you watched the news, or looked at a newspaper on Tuesday, you would not have known that we were there.

I have never been a conspiracy theorist, and even now I look for the rational in everything, but I must admit that such an event as my historic journey not being covered by ANY press is a bit confusing. But this however, has only stiffened my resolve. I am reminded of a quote from the movie "Alive". If you have not seen the film, in brief, it is a true story of a plane crash high in the mountains, and the struggle of the survivors to get rescued. In this movie, there is a scene where the desperate survivors are huddled around a small AM radio listening for news about the rescue efforts. At this point in the film, the radio voice announces that the experts have agreed that there is little likelihood of any survivors, and that they have suspended search attempts until Spring. As you might expect, there are moans of bleak despair from nearly everyone, as they believed that the voice from this small plastic box had sounded their death knell. But one voice from among them, which started off soft, but climbed to a scream said, "This is the best news that we could have hoped for. As long as we were hoping that they would find us, we were forced to depend on them finding us. Now that we know that they are not coming, we can begin to depend on ourselves. Their lives do not depend on their finding us, but our lives depend on our surviving! Now that we know that it is up to us, we can work accordingly toward our own survival!" Needless to say, a few of them managed to make it to a town and alert the authorities that there were survivors, and lead them to the wreckage.

The story of the Libertarian Party is no less moving than this. If the press can ignore my historic journey, a trip which inspired tens of thousands of people all along the race course as well as in the stadium, then we are wasting our time even attempting to get their (the press) attention. They (the press) have assumed that we (liberty) are dead! But this is great news! Their lives do not depend on our success -- but ours do! We can do even greater things now that we do not need to waste our efforts playing to the press! We can now focus all of our efforts on taking our message of freedom and liberty directly to the people! This is truly a great day indeed, because that is exactly what we did this Memorial day at the Bolder Boulder. As I walked along, the volunteers handed out literally thousands of the LP's million dollar bills. We have directly introduced all of these people to liberty -- something that the press could NEVER do. So rejoice, for today we are FREE to grow, with the only

limitations being those that we, not the press, set for ourselves!

I would like to give a special thanks to **Chuck Wright** who stayed in the stadium after the other volunteers and I had left for the Boulder Creek Festival, and continued to hand out the LP million dollar bills (an estimated several hundred more!). It is the efforts of people like Chuck which allow me to continue to hold a torch above a country which has largely turned its back on me. Never since that July back in 1776 has there been so much hope for this nation, and it has begun with a spark right here in Boulder, Colorado. I beg of you, on behalf of the people all over this great land, do not let my journey be in vain. Do not let this be the LPBC's high water mark. The torch of Liberty has been lit in Boulder, please carry it in my absence. If you keep the flame of freedom burning in my absence, I just may choose to vacation here again next year. For wherever men yearn to be free, there too shall you find me.

Sincerely,
With hope for our future,
Lady Liberty

From the Chairman

By Lori VanBuren

Something strange happened to me May 28. I was at the LPBC booth at Boulder Creek Festival when a man walked up and asked "Is this where I can register Libertarian?" I quickly handed him a voter registration card and we chatted as he filled it out, then asked me to check that he had everything right; he said he is an anarchist who has realized that *something has to be done* and we Libertarians offer the most likely avenue of accomplishing the *something*. What a change from practically begging folks to register! On the whole, I felt voter registrations were easier to obtain this year than last. Many of the people who approached the booth were already familiar with us to some extent and were looking for additional information, not for an initial introduction to our philosophy.

Please accept my invitation to attend the next LPBC Board meeting, to be held on Flay Day, June 14, 6:30 p.m. at Cheng's Garden located on the circle street behind Sam's Club in Louisville. For better directions, check our website. One of the topics of discussion will be a possible future meeting place in Boulder since La Estrellita where we have been meeting has closed. We will also be making plans for the July meeting and election of officers for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Leadership Needed!

By Lori Van Buren

N.O.T.A. to direct affairs of LPBC in 2001-2002?

LPBC is facing a leadership void. A recent survey revealed that N.O.T.A. is only opposed for one position on the LPBC Board of Directors. If you feel you have something to offer, step right up. We have some good momentum going and I sure hate to see things slow down now.

Ok, so you're saying I (Lori) should put my name on the ballot? Problem with that, folks, is that I now live and work in Larimer County. LPBC membership is at an all time high so surely there are some members who are just waiting to be asked to take a more active part in the affairs of the group? Don't be shy, speak right up!

Board Meeting Minutes

Summary of May 10th Libertarian Party of Boulder County Board Meeting:

Chairman Lori Van Buren called the meeting to order. Those present included Lori Van Buren, John Larkin, Tom Parker, Chuck Wright, Joe Johnson and Bruce Waters. The minutes of last month's meeting were presented, and after some discussion, were approved as read.

Membership report: we have 61 members, 7 contributing and 54 voting. In the newsletter report, it was noted that we didn't print anything about Larry Gibes, but Tom has his obituary from the Longmont paper. Ron sent a message stating that he wasn't able to attend, and so our outreach director won't be at the meeting. He has spoken to the newspaper and various groups. There was a question as to the results of the sci-fi outreach booth.

Old Business: Creekfest - Joe begged for workers and stated that he planned to walk the Bolder Boulder on stilts wearing a Statue of Liberty costume.

New Business: New tent/awning fund. We need supplies for the Creekfest. Chuck ordered and paid for various supplies at \$191. He'd like to be reimbursed \$100. Motion, second, passed. Elections are coming up in July and we need candidates for office. John is a definite maybe to host the July meeting. Can we get a rubber stamp for our brochures? There was a motion and a second to appropriate \$25 for a rubber stamp and it passed. Motion, second, adjourned.

Letter to the Editor

By Jerry Van Sickle

This letter was published in the Daily Camera, and can also be found at <http://www.bouldernews.com/opinion/letters/17elett.html>

POLITICS

Most don't grasp libertarian beliefs

If Edward Arnold will reconsider his 10 "facts" about Libertarians (Open Forum, April 12), he and other readers may understand and welcome our constructive proposals for health care and other public issues.

Libertarians suggest that all humans benefit whenever many private efforts replace "single providers." Collectively, they come up with many more solutions, fund more experiments, create more and better alternatives, at lower and lower costs. They invest R&D funds that the political process must take from other powerful interest groups.

In addition, the relentless search for more and better goods and lower costs in every field creates jobs for those most in need, then more products and services they can afford. No amount of public welfare can come close to this solution to worldwide poverty and suffering which is now spreading faster than ever.

Mr. Arnold's version of "collective responsibility" invites political protection for existing methods, then waste, fraud and higher costs paid by taxes.

Public welfare tends to undermine individual efforts to take care of self and family, which creates even more goods and services at lower costs so that everyone gains. This fundamental libertarian belief in mutual human welfare lies at the heart of the moral issues that Mr. Arnold raised.

So I invite him and all others who share these concerns to call or write -- and visit our weekly libertarian round table any Monday noon at the Hunan Garden Restaurant on Walnut Street.

Quotation...

There are two kinds of people -- those who work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group, there is less competition there.

- Indira Gandhi

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Every Monday, Noon:
LPBC Weekly Lunch
Hunan Garden
949 Walnut St.
Boulder, CO
303-442-2772

Thursday, June 14th, 6:30pm:
LPBC Board Meeting
Cheng's Garden
480 Dahlia St.
Louisville, CO
303-668-8898

Wed-Thurs, July 4-5, 9am - 5pm:
Tanner Gun Show
Denver Merchandise Mart
Denver, CO
Call Joe Johnson or Elizabeth
Bennett: 303-669-9111(cell)

Thursday, July 12th, 6:30pm:
LPBC Board Meeting
LPBC Annual Elections!
Location TBA (in July Newsletter)

*For more info about all LPBC events,
contact Lori Van Buren: 970-278-1158
or visit our website:
www.lpboulder.com*

Bob Glass Asks for LP Support in Gubernatorial Race

By Jon Ford

At a recent rally held at Denver Metro Libertarian Party headquarters, local civil rights activist Bob Glass made an impassioned plea for LP backing in his bid to unseat Governor Bill Owens in the 2002 Colorado gubernatorial race. The rally was attended by approximately 40 people, including a half dozen from the LPBC. An American flag was flown at half mast and upside down in the universal signals for mourning and distress, providing a powerful symbolic backdrop to the three speeches given during the outdoor event.

The evening was kicked off by host Rick Stanley, who described his recent efforts to register 200 individuals to vote, all under the Libertarian party

affiliation. **Howard Lambert** followed with a litany of real-world examples that spotlighted the corruption of the two-party system, the cesspool that has become our legal system, and the ongoing shredding of the Bill of Rights.

Glass hit upon a number of provocative points during his approximately hour-long speech and Q&A session. Some of the highlights:

\ He has been a libertarian since the late 1960s and an articulate local spokesman for the entire

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LPBC at the State Convention

By Tom Parker

spectrum of libertarian issues for many years. (For more detailed information on Glass' background, see the in-depth interview in the April 2000 newsletter archived at the LPBC Web site (<http://www.lpboulder.com/>).

- \ The LP has not had success with conventional campaign tactics. Glass would run a media-savvy, colorful, confrontational campaign, building upon his experience garnering local, state, and national attention as a successful gun shop owner and member of the national civil rights group Tyranny Response Team.
- \ He urged the audience that now is the time to "move out of your comfort zone" and try a new approach so the media and Colorado voters can no longer ignore Libertarian candidates and message. His aim is to put liberty into the public debate by delivering a consistent pro-freedom agenda in the face of the typical statist solutions of the Republicans and Democrats.
- \ This is a prime opportunity to take Owens down for betraying his constituents on a host of issues, from guns to spending. Denying Governor Owens a second term would "drive a dagger into the heart of the national Republican Party" and force them to realize that the Libertarian Party and philosophy are forces to be reckoned with. It is a race with major national implications that cannot be fought with the same unsuccessful tactics of the past.

Tentative plans are being made for a formal Q&A session with Glass so all interested dues-paying members of the Colorado LP can question him on a host of philosophical and practical issues. An on-line version may follow for those who cannot attend the live event.



The Libertarian Party State Convention. Two guest speakers were Reggie Rivers (above) and Russell Means (below).



The LPBC was well-represented at this year's state LP convention, held 5/19-5/20 in Denver. Almost a dozen members attended, including: **Earl Allen, Ron Bain, Elizabeth Bennett, Joe Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Tony Middleton, Tom Parker, Judd Ptak, Ralph Shnelvar, Jerry Van Sickle, and Chuck Wright.** But they did more than just attend ...

Ron, Elizabeth, Joe, and Tom gave seminars and/or were on various panels. Elizabeth, Joe, Tom, and Chuck were awarded Minuteman awards for their good work this year. Elizabeth and Joe helped organize and run the convention, set up the LP booth, and hosted suite parties (sleep was not an option for these two!). Joe also appeared as the 7' tall Miss Liberty, and gave an inspirational fund-raising talk, raising over \$10,000 for the state party.

Other highlights of the conference included dozens of informative seminars, election of new LPCO officers, outstanding talks by Carla Howell (candidate who ran against Ted Kennedy), Russell Means (Indian activist), Reggie Rivers (Denver media personality and former Bronco), and Bob Glass (Tyranny Response Team founder). Bob announced that he would run for Governor, if the LP would actively support him.

More info and pictures of the convention will be in the state party's newsletter and their web site at www.lpcolorado.org.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Boulder County

The annual meeting of the LPBC will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12th at a location to be announced.

At this annual meeting, we will be holding the election of LPBC officers for 2001-2002.

To vote: All voting members can vote, either in person at the July meeting or with the official Absentee/Sample ballot (which will be mailed to all voting members in the July newsletter, several weeks prior to the election).

To run for office: All voting members are eligible and encouraged to run for board positions. To indicate your desire to run for the board, please contact the Publicity Director, Ron Bain at (303) 444-4537 (h), (303) 443-9179 (w), or ron@i2i.org.

Board positions: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Publicity Director, Newsletter Editor.

Currently announced candidates:

- \ Treasurer - *Chuck Wright*
- \ Membership Director - *Tom Parker*
- \ Publicity Director - *(none)*
- \ Newsletter Editor - *(none)*
- \ Chairman - *(none)*
- \ Secretary - *(none)*

More info available on our website:

- k Duties of officers:
k www.lpboulder.com/by-laws.html#VI
- k Election of Officers of the Board:
k www.lpboulder.com/by-laws.html#Election
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Am I a voting member?

You can check your membership status by inspecting the mailing label on your newsletter -- there is a letter code immediately after the expiration date. Voting members have a letter code of "V".

Other codes are: "C" for Contributing (members who have not signed the Libertarian pledge), "T" for Trial, "P" for VIP, "R" for Prospect, and blank for anything else. If you are not sure what your membership status is, please contact Membership Director Tom Parker at ttparker24@earthlink.net or (303) 665-2150.

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If you wish to be a voting member, please sign and date the following pledge:

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the *initiation* of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Choose a membership plan above and enclose a check or money order payable to the LPBC for the amount listed. Send to: LPBC, PMB #427, 2525 Arapahoe Ave., E4, Boulder, CO 80302. *Thank you for your support!*

5 good reasons to join the Libertarian Party

If you are not yet a member of the Libertarian Party, there is no better time to join than now. Libertarians are hard at work building a political party to challenge the failures of the big-government Republicans and Democrats. But we need your help to succeed.

Here's why you should join:

1. We're the only party that wants to empower you -- not politicians.

We want to return your money to you; we want to put your family's future back in your hands; we want to put your life back in your control.

2. We're the only party that defends your personal and economic liberty on every issue.

The Republicans are trying to legislate your morality; the Democrats trying to spend your money. Only the Libertarian Party is trying to stop them both.

3. We're the tolerance party.

Even though we may not approve of the choices other people make, we defend their right to make them as long as they alone bear responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

4. We're the responsibility party.

Libertarians know that only through complete personal responsibility can individuals grow as human beings, and society be made more prosperous and secure.

5. We're the honesty party.

We are the only party that always holds to its basic principles. We don't attempt to curry favor by lying or by hiding our beliefs. Unlike all other politicians and political parties, we refuse to lie about what we really believe. We stand firm for our values at all times.

Is this the kind of political party you want to belong to?

If so, join us today. All we need to succeed is the support of people like you -- someone who values freedom and self-responsibility, and someone who has the passion and drive to help build a better future for America.

Join us!

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