Aitken still awaiting word

Libertarians Enter RTD Races; Ptak Effort in Doubt
by Larry Hoffenberg & Richard G. Combs

So far, the Secretary of State’s office has given the LPC some good news, some bad, and a long wait for the rest of the story. Let’s start with the good news.

Dave Bishop of Aurora will be challenging fellow newcomer Richard Whipple for the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors’ seat in District F this November. Incumbent Debbie Lynch, a mid-term appointee to the seat, is not seeking election to a full term.

Bishop submitted 472 signatures, of which 314 were ruled valid (250 are required). Although registered as a Republican, Bishop is a long-time dues-paying member of the national, state, and Aurora Libertarian Party organizations.

Bishop believes he can capitalize on the current Light-Rail controversy and anti-RTD sentiment. His campaign will stress privatization of services and expansion of competition in public transportation. Contributions may be sent to the State LP office with a note designating the funds for “Bishop for RTD.”

“I want to thank Aurora Libertarians Jeff Orrok, Cy Smaling, Larry Hoffenberg, and several others for helping me circulate petitions,” said Bishop. “We gathered all the signatures in only five days, just before the August 2nd deadline.”

Bishop is a data analyst for a major aerospace firm and has lived in Aurora with wife Susan and two children for 24 years.

In addition to Bishop, LP members Stephen Foster of Westminster and Dan Gallegos of Conifer submitted petitions for

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Liberty Alliance Firearms and Freedom Election Rally Set for Oct. 2
by David Segal

The Libertarian Party of Colorado, together with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado and other Liberty Alliance members, will sponsor Colorado’s first Firearms and Freedom Election Rally on Sunday, October 2.

Over 2,000 citizens, outraged by the Brady Law, the new Crime Bill and other recent federal attacks on the Constitution, are expected to assemble on the west steps of the State Capitol in Denver at 1 p.m. to demand the full and immediate restoration of their Constitutional rights, particularly the right that provides them the means to protect all the others, the right to keep and bear arms.

Pro-Second Amendment candidates for the full spectrum of offices and from all political parties will address the rally between 1 and 3 p.m. Currently scheduled speakers include Republican Congressional candidates William Eggert (1st District) and Pat Miller (2nd District), and the entire slate of the Libertarian Party and the Taxpayers Party.

At this writing Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Benson has the rally on his schedule and will be there if that schedule permits. Republican Congressmen Wayne Allard, Joel Heffley, Dan Schaefer, and Scott McInnis will all either be there or send a campaign representative.

Before the rally begins, there will be live music, information booths, general networking and orientation, starting at 11 a.m. After the rally, live music and networking will continue until 5 p.m.

The Liberty Alliance also plans to circulate petitions calling on the Colorado Legislature to impeach all the members of the Colorado Supreme Court for violating their oaths of office.

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From the Editor:
Welcome to the premier issue of the new Colorado Liberty! The name and a succinct, but persuasive, argument for its adoption came from Stormy Mon, a long-time Colorado Libertarian activist now living in Oregon.

Thanks to all who sent us ideas, especially runners-up Roger Colucci, Terry Donzé, and Joe Clayman. Our regrets to those whose entries arrived after our decision had been made, and thus could not be considered.

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that this is not Volume 1, Number 1. Despite the name change, we are continuing the existing issue numbering series. It is still, after all, the state newsletter of the Libertarian Party, and change is easier for our aging brains to accept if it is tempered with some continuity.

Please consider this issue part of a work in progress, not a final product, and please consider yourselves unpaid consultants whose input and feedback we'd love to get.

What do you like? What don't you like? What did you like better before? What do you want more of or less of? Do you want to help? Can you send us some money? We'd like answers to all of these questions and more. Let us hear from you.

Correction
Unseen gremlins, probably working for CACI, inserted an 8 where there should have been a 6 in the TABOR Committee's phone number. The correct number is 869-5416. Please call and offer to help. They have an office open now, and need volunteers for a variety of tasks. It's about your rights!

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Affiliate News

Aspen Liberty Coalition

The Liberty Coalition’s booth at the Carbondale Mountain Fair was staffed by libertarians from all over western Colorado. State Chairman David Aitken also attended, using the outreach opportunity to gather some much-needed last-minute petition signatures for his gubernatorial campaign.

Aurora

The Aurora LP has moved its meetings to a new location: Señor Ric’s at 13200 East Mississippi. The restaurant offers fine Mexican dishes, a good meeting room, and a convenient location less than a mile west of I-225.

August’s meeting with City Councilwoman Debra Vickrey was an interesting and lively session. Vickrey, although clearly not a libertarian, seemed far from a typical Democrat, and had a healthy skepticism about what government can and should do.

Boulder County

At their August meeting, Boulder libertarians adopted a change in their by-laws to make their name “Libertarian Party of Boulder County.”

Denver County

Denver’s August meeting drew a smaller than usual turnout (fewer than 20). Speaker Stephen Stewart was enthusiastically received, however, and many stayed and talked until threatened with eviction.

Stewart is the former Cañon City councilman against whom the State Supreme Court recently upheld a damage award for criticizing a judge. He described the entire sordid story, providing details and insights that held the attention of those in attendance.

The September meeting will feature an election update from State Rep. Penn Pfiffner of Lakewood, former LP state chair.

Jefferson County

Newly elected Jeffco LP chair Sandra Johnson and her husband Bob are moving to their new place near Ft. Garland. Expect to see LP activity in Cofeejo County in the future.

Sandra’s hard work will be greatly missed in Jeffco. She arranged for the Jefferson Forum speakers, passed out FIJA pamphlets at the Tij Mahal, and was legislative assistant to State Rep. Penn Pfiffner. A special election held on August 3 chose Dick Reesiegh to replace her as chair.

The August Jefferson Forum featured Gene Kersey of the EPA. At the September Forum, Clyde Harkins of the TABOR Committee will speak about Amendment 12.

Northeast Colorado LP

The inaugural meeting of the northeast regional affiliate (Logan, Morgan, Yuma, Washington, Sedgwick, and Phillips counties) took place on August 8 outside of Sterling. Eight people attended, and they made immediate plans to staff a literature table at the week-long Logan county fair, which began that same day.

Bette Rose Smith was elected Affiliate Representative to the LPC, and Clare-Marie Hemmerling was elected Secretary. The group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. See Calendar of Events for details.

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RTD board seats in Districts K and N, respectively. Gallegos has received confirmation that he is on the ballot. Foster is still awaiting word, but is likely to have made it. We hope to have more about their campaigns next month.

Denver LP activist David Segal’s petitioning efforts for an RTD board slot fell far short, and he did not file with the Secretary of State.

Despite a tremendous personal effort, Jud Patak may fall short in his effort at a State Senate District 13 ballot spot. Patak personally obtained over 900 of the 1200 signatures he turned in. Observers were concerned by the slim cushion (1000 are required), and those fears were confirmed when nearly 500 signatures were rejected. Patak has not given up, however. He checked a sample of those rejected, and found 2/3 of them to be valid. An effort to rehabilitate enough signatures to make the ballot is being organized.

No word yet on David Aitken’s bid for a spot in the governor’s race. Aitken’s signature total was about 1470, possibly enough, but not a comfortable margin. If neither he nor Patak makes the ballot, the LPC will cease to be a qualified political organization, and voters will no longer be able to register Libertarian.

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The petitions will be presented to the Legislature when it reconvenes in January.

The rally is intended to define issues for the November election and tell the media how Coloradans really feel about firearms and freedom. It’s also intended to remind the politicians who they work for and who can fire them.

Be there and bring everyone you can with you. For updated information, call (303) 784-SAVE.

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Inside a Federal Bureaucracy

by Anne Onymous

The names have been changed to protect the innocent and the ignorant; that’s myself and most federal bureaucrats, respectively. But I do plead *nolo contendere* to the following charges:

- Temporarily abandoning my libertarian values and free market work ethic and, heaven forbid, going to work for the Federal Government! Argh!
- Telling a couple of little white lies on my employment application to comply with certain background requirements. (The Feds never did check on these items.)
- Writing this article over a period of two weeks while on the job, at taxpayer expense.

This article has been written anonymously and generically on the odd chance that a copy of this publication falls into “enemy hands.” To explain, as part of my employment, I signed several confidentiality agreements, requiring me not to disclose any information about the operations of the department. I’m not willing to risk the wrath of an agency with coercive authority equal to or greater than the IRS.

I did not actively seek or desire employment with the Feds. I’ve got 10 years of professional experience with two Fortune 500 companies, and 5 years of self-employment. While I was seeking new employment, an agency brought this position to my attention. Since it was a contract position for a maximum of three months, I was not making a major career investment or long term decision. So I decided to get first-hand insight and experience in the Belly of the Beast.

The money is very good, significantly above private sector rates for comparable work. Plus, we’re encouraged to work up to 18 hours per week of overtime at 1 1/2 time pay.

In a first-day orientation session, the senior division manager briefed me and four others as follows: Your jobs shouldn’t exist. They were established to handle the extra workload created because three years ago, this division didn’t have a clue what it was doing. We still only have half a clue. Your jobs are to review the work done in the past and determine if it is correct. If it is not correct, provide recommendations to correct it.

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In a Libertarian government, the 20,000 or so bureaucrats in my agency across the country would not have jobs. There is no net benefit to society from their work. In fact, the agency’s work is a counterproductive, direct intervention into a very large segment of the U.S. economy.

I think the old saying can be revised to “those who can’t do or teach, work for the federal government.” Certainly, there are some hardworking, dedicated federal employees. But for most, their main concern is how to get through the day. For some, it’s getting by with the least amount of effort. For some, it’s getting by without having to make a major decision. For some, it’s just not getting caught with little or nothing to do.

It’s almost impossible for the bureaucrats in my division to be late for work. There is an unofficial flextime policy in place. You can arrive anytime between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m., leave for lunch anytime, take as long as you like, from 1/2 hour to 2 hours, and go home whenever it is that you’ve got 8 hours (or more) on the clock.

“The only way the government can keep its employees is to pay them much more than they’re worth, and demand much less than they can produce.”

Parkinson’s First Law states that “work expands to fill the time available for its completion.” Parkinson’s First Corollary goes on to say “the thing to be done swells in perceived importance and complexity in direct ratio to the time spent on its completion.” Parkinson must have used the Federal government as his base model. He also had a keen sense of understatement.

About 75% of my telephone or E-mail messages to other bureaucrats are never returned. (I hope it’s nothing personal!) Why should they respond? It would only result in more work for them, or require them to make a decision. If they wait as long as possible to pass the buck, it adds to the lack of accountability for the work while stretching out the time required to complete the task. Parkinson’s First Corollary: Q.E.D.

There are virtually no quality control standards for the work performed. On the contrary, it seems that errors are encouraged, as a means to accommodate Parkinson’s First Corollary. Time is spent correcting errors after the work has been bumped up the bureaucratic ladder, rather than before it is submitted.

Most bureaucrats are dissatisfied and de-motivated to perform proficiently. One co-worker, a four year veteran, summed it up perfectly: “The only way the government can keep its employees is to pay them much more than they’re worth, and demand much less than they can produce.”

My superior has little concept of my work load or productivity. He’s a knowledgeable, nice guy, but he has his own agenda. So, while I work at half pace compared to the real world, I’m still outproducing most of my associates. My superior is fond of saying “reporting to the higher-ups on the status of your work is more important than the work itself.”

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Terra Libra

by Philip C. Freytag

A new concept for liberty was established a little over a year ago by Frederick Mann, a man who practices what he preaches and who has lived free for many years in several different territorial countries. It is called Project Terra Libra. Through the use of Freedom Technology, it is possible to enjoy freedom in an unfree world wherever you are. The biggest barrier to freedom lies in your own mind. Individuals are free and sovereign by nature, whether they realize it or not.

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Terra Libra is a concept of a free country, without boundaries, that can co-exist with territorial countries. It is composed of people who believe in individual sovereignty, the free market, and non-aggressive interaction between people. Native Americans have a similar concept. They claim to be citizens of sovereign nations within the boundaries of the United States and its states. Frederick Mann just took the concept somewhat further. Terra Libra does not depend on nor ask for your contributions of either time or money to exist. And you will never have to vote on anything. Rather, Terra Libra and its people practice Freedom Technology and are a source of information on Freedom Technology (for a small fee, of course). Everything sold is subject to a 100 day money-back guarantee if you are dissatisfied for any reason. When did you last get an offer like this from your lawyer or accountant?

Terra Libra is an information network rather than a bureaucratic hierarchy. The network now includes over 2,000 individuals in approximately 20 countries around the world. Terra Libra is about the ideas, thinking skills, and methods necessary for the immediate and continuing implementation of alternative organizations.

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Belly of the Beast, continued from page 4

Despite relatively sophisticated voice mail and E-Mail technology, inter- and intra-departmental communications are at stone age levels. The Feds operate under their own twisted "need to know" rule: whatever you need to know, it's up to you to find it out. The information that is widely circulated is of the nature "Judy's retiring tomorrow (with full pension) and there will be a pot luck lunch at 11:30."

Your tax dollars at work: The Denver area EEO Committee is sponsoring a "Celebrate Your Roots Day," to "recognize and celebrate all of our ethnic and cultural diversification." They are collecting "ethnic stories and memories" and "ethnic recipes" to "help other employees appreciate your cultural heritage." These will be published in a set of booklets, at taxpayer expense. Is this Al Gore's idea of reinventing government?

My self-imposed penance for the high treason of working for (and spying on) the Feds for three months:

* Redouble my efforts on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
* Begrudgingly pay confiscatory income taxes another year.
* Get a private sector job upon conclusion of my 3 month contract, even if it's a lower paying, less desirable position.

In conclusion, my worst fears about the incompetence, inefficiency and nonessentiality of the federal bureaucracy have been confirmed first hand. This Beast cannot be reformed, it must be slain and dismantled.
IRS Accountability Measure Stalled
HR3261, a bill in the US Congress, makes IRS agents individually liable for litigation costs resulting from arbitrary, capricious, or malicious acts. It is currently stalled in committee, but can be brought out if enough representatives sign Discharge Petition #12. Call your congresscritter today!

You can call your congressperson FREE—1-800-768-2221 gets you a central operator. Ask for them by name.

Another Free Number for Congress
A group called Delta Dental Health Reform has a toll-free number, 1-800-578-3384, that, based on your zip code, connects you with your US Representative or Senator. Their hot button is, obviously, health care reform, but the system is completely automated and the first live person you hear is someone in your representative's office.

DARE to Turn in Your Parents
Tom Peckham of Aspen reports that police in that neck of the woods are encouraging children to inform on their parents. During a DARE presentation at a local school, cops lit up some marijuana and asked if any of the kids smelled something like it at home. At least two of the children are now being home-schooled.

New Affiliate Wastes No Time
The Logan County fair began on the day that the new Northeast Colorado LP first met. It would have been easy to say "Next year, maybe we can do some outreach there, but it's too late for this year." Instead, they said "Let's just do it!" The group of eight managed to have a literature table staffed during most of the fair's week-long run. Way to go, folks!

New Literature Available
A new edition of Liberty Today, the outreach publication distributed by the National LP is available. Call the LPC office to order.

The National Program of the Libertarian Party covers Jobs and Unemployment, Education and Schools, Political Corruption, Health Care and Health Costs, and Violence, Crime, and Drugs. Call the LPC office to order.

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Few Buyers, but They're Big Readers
The LPC book sale brought in $90.00 as Jan Duncan, Richard Combs, Anthony Gillis, and David Aitken carted away more than 60 volumes.

Stern Quits Race
Howard Stern, national syndicated talk show host and candidate for New York governor on the Libertarian ticket, quit the race because of the financial disclosure requirements.

Kudos to...
• The following individuals who submitted petitions for the Aitken for Governor campaign:
  Richard Clary, David Aitken, Michael and Susan Woods, Dwight K. Harding, Cy Smaling, Howard P. Lambert, George R. Lyman, Larry Hoffenberg, Stephen F. Foster Jr., Charles and Janice Johnsen, W. Earl Allen, Phil And Jane Freytag, Tim Egan, Kenton Riggs, Robert & Ruth Jahelka, Jeff Garcia, Melinda Gorman, Terry Donze, Mike Graham, Phil D. Bailey, Elwood Beck, Sandra Johnson, Steven and Janis Straley, Allen and Patricia Bartlett, Joseph R. Walker, Douglas Anderson, Anthony Gillis, Mike Shifflette, Louise Segreto, Clint Jones, Michael McKinzie, Kevin Wlkerson, Trent Lynn Eichhorn, Barry Clements, Mark W. Mace, Dann Hayes, Thomas C. Peckham, Cliff Rhead, Shawn A. Gilliland, Gerald Hatch, Jeff Orrok, Bette Rose Smith, Jean Barnard, Elizabeth Martin, Randy & Becky Fitzgerald, Christopher A. Bogart, Jeff Boyer, Judd Ptak. Thank you all very much!

• Trent Eichhorn, who paid for the Logan County Fair booth and spent all his free time there for a week; Dave Hemmeling, who drove over 35 miles to help with the booth; and all the members of the Northeast affiliate, who drove as far as 60 miles to attend the first meeting.

• Phil Freytag, who persuaded the Canon City Council and Fremont County Commission to adopt resolutions in support of HJR94-1035, the 10th Amendment Sovereignty Resolution adopted this spring by the state legislature.

• A slew of letter-writers: Kenton Riggs, who suggested DIA privatization by bond default in the Denver Post and commented on the Taylor Ranch controversy in the Rocky Mountain News; David Aitken, whose letter in the Denver Post ridiculed the Colorado Supreme Court's decision to let stand a $117,500 fine against Stephen Stewart for criticizing a judge; Richard Combs, Doug Anderson, and Dann Hayes, who had letters printed in the Post in their official capacity as board members; and Larry Hoffenberg, who continues to appear regularly in the Denver Post's Business Fax Forum, most recently commenting on health care.

• Tim Sabus, Leroy Jones, Doug Anderson, and David Aitken, who testified against zoning changes at a recent Denver City Council meeting.

• Larry Hoffenberg, who made up business cards for the LPC board of directors.

A good leader is a good listener.
—Si Kahn, Organizing
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Calendar of Events

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6  Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Wally's, Oak Street Plaza, 7 a.m. Speaker, (303) 494-8184.
7 & 21  CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center. Bruce Lockhart, (303) 223-7504.
10  Ft. Collins 2nd Saturday Shootist Society. (303) 484-8824.
13  Denver LP, Palace Restaurant, 6265 E. Evans, 7:00 p.m. Speaker: State Rep. Penn Piffner. (303) 871-8824.
13  Ft. Collins 2nd Tue. Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
14  Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
14  Northeast Colorado LP, Branding Iron Cafe at the Super 8 Motel, I-76 at Exit 125 (Sterling), 7 p.m. Bette Rose at (303) 228-4456 or Trent at (303) 522-0328.
19  Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Social, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
20  Aurora Libertarians, Sr. Ric's, 13200 East Mississippi, 7 p.m. Note new location! (303) 755-4843.

October

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12  Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
12  Northeast Colorado LP, Branding Iron Cafe at the Super 8 Motel, I-76 at Exit 125 (Sterling), 7 p.m. Bette Rose at (303) 228-4456 or Trent at (303) 522-0328.
17  Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Social, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
18  Aurora Libertarians, Sr. Ric's, 13200 East Mississippi, 7 p.m. Note new location! (303) 755-4843.