Colorado LP conducts “pick-in” to protest restrictive INS policy
by Bill Winter

Colorado Libertarians took to the trees to conduct a “pick-in” to protest restrictive INS policies that have kept immigrant farm workers out of the fruit orchards in that state and threatened to leave apples, pears, and peaches rotting on the trees.

On August 29, two dozen LP members spent the day picking pears in the orchards of Talbott Farms in Palisade, Colorado. Their goal, said state newsletter editor W. Earl Allen, was to “protest stepped-up INS border patrols” — actions that have reduced the supply of immigrant farm workers and that threaten to leave a significant portion of this year’s bumper crop unpicked.

Included in the Libertarian “pick-in” crew were Sandra Johnson, the party’s candidate for governor; Dan Cochran, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and Barry Maggert, candidate for U.S. Congress (District 3).

During the day, Libertarians picked an estimated $5,600 worth of fruit, and donated the proceeds of their labor to migrant farm workers.

They conducted the “pick-in” after stepped-up vigilance from the Immigration & Naturalization Service dried up the usual supply of Mexican farm workers who orchard owners on Colorado’s Western Slope hire to pick their crops.

Libertarians called the INS action a “travesty” — and an example of damaging Democratic and Republican anti-immigration laws.

“The INS crackdown on migrant farm labor is outrageous,” said Johnson. “What we have here are peaceful people trying to trade with each other and make a living. What right does anyone have to interfere?”

Johnson urged voters to look at “who is hurt and who is helped” by INS actions.

“Fruit growers are hurt. Fruit pickers are hurt. People who depend on the business of the grows and pickers are hurt — including farm equipment manufacturers and sellers, local groceries, and other businesses.

Consumers and taxpayers are hurt,” she said.

“The INS is displacing needed labor and hurting people who are trying to feed their families,” agreed Maggert.

“These Mexicans are trying to improve their lives — something we as Americans should never oppose. This is not the American way.

“It’s uncommon to see a government agency meet its objectives as well as the INS has this year,” he said. “But the INS’s success means that fruit will rot on the trees, that workers will be prevented from the free and voluntary exchange of their labor, and that all of us, rich and poor alike, will pay higher prices for food this fall.”

Cochran said the “pick-in” illustrated another Libertarian principle as well.

“As Libertarians, we believe in voluntarism,” he said. “We believe that, in the absence of government interference in people’s personal and economic lives, neighbors would help a neighbor in distress. Today, we are putting that principle into action. The INS bully has put [this orchard owner] in distress, and we are here to help.”

Bill Winter is the Publications Director of the Libertarian Party, USA.
From The Chair

While trying to come up with a topic for this month’s letter from the chair, I happened across this timeless comment from John H. Glenn, Jr.: “People are afraid of the future, of the unknown. If a man faces up to it, and takes the dare of the future, he can have some control over his destiny. That’s an exciting idea to me, better than waiting with everybody else to see what’s going to happen.” That started me thinking not only about the future, but about the courage it takes to shape one’s future.

Our founding fathers saw a very different future for themselves, but I think more importantly they cared about a future they would never see. Men like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson had the courage to shape that distant future, generations away.

Why is it, that when most of us have so many things to fight for, we don’t feel like fighting? Were the 1700s so horrifying that our ancestors were forced to change it? Did the the South wait until it was beaten down and had nothing to lose? Did Gandhi wait until he had enough money? Did Martin Luther King wait until the kids were out of school? After all, if you have nothing to lose, is it courage or desperation?

Those courageous men who died for this Country had certain convictions. They didn’t sit around a dinner table and suggest the possibility that men were created equal. They didn’t write letters to the editor proclaiming certain rights. They declared these truths, these convictions, for the whole world to see and they pledged their land, their sacred honor and their very lives towards that end. These men lived powerful and meaningful lives because of, not in spite of, their convictions.

Winston Churchill once said “Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.” If you’re lucky, you may have 70 odd years in which to do something courageous. Convictions are the mainsprings of action. Be courageous. Shape the Future.

Michele Bethke
State Chair

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Calendar

October, 1998

• 10/1 - Thu. - Libertarian Community of Jefferson County - 1st Thursday - 6:00pm, Tom Goonan's home: 12895 W. 16th Drive, Golden, CO 80401, snack and conversation at 6:00pm, call Tom Goonan, (303) 278-1698

• 10/3 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.

• 10/5 - Mon - Board of Directors - First Monday - 7:00pm - LP Office, 720 E 18th Ave #309, Denver, CO 80203, 303-837-9393, all members welcome, public comment 6:45 and 9:00.

• 10/6 - Tue - Larimer County Activist breakfast - First Tuesday - 7am - Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S. College Ave., Fort Collins. Contact: Lee Smith (970) 635-0395.

• 10/6 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco's, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

• 10/13 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco’s, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

• 10/13 - Tue - Political Rally in Colorado Springs. Details not yet available, contact Sandra Johnson or John Berntson 719-532-0118 for details as time approaches.

• 10/14 - Wed - Boulder LP Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday - 6:30pm - Trillian's, 30th and Arapahoe, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

• 10/17 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.

• 10/19 - Mon - 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Political Rally, Larimer County Fairgrounds, 710 S. Railroad Ave., Loveland. Statewide candidates in attendance will be allowed a 4 minute speech. Contact: Dan Cochran, 970-667-7357.

• 10/20 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco’s, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

• 10/24 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.

• 10/27 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco’s, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

• 10/31 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.

November, 1998

• 11/3 - Tue - Election Day - Vote Libertarian! 7am to 7pm at your local polling place.

• 11/7-8 - Sat-Sun - The Fully Informed Jury Association will be holding its annual convention in Dallas on November 7th and 8th. Call 406-799-5550 for details.

• 11/12-14 - Thu-Sat - The Separation of School and State Alliance will hold its annual conference at the Antlers Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs. Call 209-292-1776 for details.

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A Message to Libertarian Candidates (and Others)

By Harry Browne

As the election campaigns move into their final two months, I would like to offer my help to those candidates who are using their campaigns to advance the libertarian cause and the Libertarian Party.

As there are so many LP candidates this year (happily), my help must necessarily be confined to the kinds of tasks that allow me to assist as many candidates as possible — and who want my help.

Towards the end of this message, I summarize what I might be able to do and what I would like you to do to enlist my help. But first let me offer some suggestions for your campaign, based on my experience in 1996 and based on the needs we have for the future.

Running on a Libertarian Platform

First, I don’t see any reason to be a candidate for office unless you’re going to run on a distinctively libertarian platform. The one exception might be a candidate who isn’t running an active campaign and is only on the ballot to help retain ballot status.

Your campaign literature should identify you as a Libertarian. You should be making proposals that are uniquely libertarian. You should use the word Libertarian often in every speech and prominently in every piece of campaign literature — even if you’re running for a non-partisan office.

If you wonder whether this should be so, just ask yourself what you hope to achieve by running if you don’t do this.

Do you think you’re more likely to win if you don’t run overtly as a Libertarian? Suppose you do win that way. What will you have gained? If you can’t win as a Libertarian, what’s the point of winning? You’ll have to restrain your libertarian urges in office, because they would be just as likely to impair your reelection as they were to prevent your election in the first place.

But if you run as a strong Libertarian, you advance the cause even if you don’t win the office. Everyone you talk to will know more about Libertarian ideas, proposals, and solutions. One of our most important tasks for the next few years is to build name recognition for the word “libertarian” and for the Libertarian Party, and your campaign will be adding to all the name-recognition work others are doing.

Issues

As a candidate, find the libertarian issues you’re most comfortable with, and that apply to the office for which you’re running. Refer to them as “Libertarian” solutions to pressing problems. Work out the best ways to present them in terms of the voters’ self-interest. Work on them until you’re completely comfortable in what you say. Then hammer them home, over and over and over.

The campaign will let people know there’s something much better than what they’ve been getting from the old parties. The next Libertarian the voter hears from will have a ready-made entree because of your work.

Your overtly Libertarian campaign will also attract the attention of people who think like we do, and who might be inspired to join the party.

The Campaign Message

Here is how I would approach any political campaign, no matter what office I was seeking, partisan or non-partisan:

1. Pick three key proposals to focus on. They should be uniquely Libertarian proposals that no Republican or Democrat would feel comfortable advocating. The proposals should be appropriate to the office you’re running for, but they must be distinctively Libertarian ideas. For example, the three proposals in my presidential campaign were to (1) repeal the income tax, so you could keep every dollar you earn; (2) get Social Security out of the hands of the politicians, so you can arrange a much more secure retirement for yourself; and (3) end the insane War on Drugs, so your neighborhood can be safe from criminal gangs, pushers, and addicts — all fostered by the War on Drugs.

2. Each proposal should offer an improvement from the status quo — not an attempt to stop something from happening. Frame each proposal in positive terms — as a personal benefit, something that will substantially improve the life of everyone you address. Our side wants to improve upon the status quo, not preserve it or try to repair bad programs created by our opponents.

3. As you present the proposals, use the word “you” as often as possible: “This how you will benefit…” “This is what this will mean to you…” “This is how your life will change for the better…” “You will be able to…”

4. Whenever you discuss one of your proposals, be sure to emphasize that this is a Libertarian proposal: “Libertarians want…” “The Libertarian solution is to…” Don’t let anyone believe that similar solutions come from Republicans or Democrats. If there isn’t a uniquely Libertarian approach to an issue you’ve selected, look for another issue.

5. Develop the ability to answer each question you receive briefly and effectively, and then try to tie the question to one of your three proposals: “This is another reason we need to…” Keep coming back to proposals that will make a dramatic improvement in the individual’s life.

It isn’t always easy to handle the last three tasks when you’re speaking extemporaneously in an interview or a question period. But the more you try to achieve these tasks, the better you’ll get and the more you’ll be providing a lasting contribution to the libertarian cause.

Using Your Limited Resources Wisely

You probably won’t have enough resources to reach every voter in your electoral district — at least not enough to make a lasting impact. So begin by going after those that are your best prospects. Speak to groups of likely supporters, mail to those who should be voting for you and helping you, reap the best potential support as quickly as possible.

This doesn’t mean you should turn down other invitations and opportunities. But always bear in mind that you
can't act on every suggestion; you can't carry out every project that may sound good.

Early in the campaign you must ask yourself: what do you think it's possible to achieve in this election? Then when you have to make specific strategic and tactical decisions, you can weigh them against the goal you've set for the campaign. If something doesn't advance that goal, don't let it take time, money, or people away from projects that would advance that goal.

**My Help**

If you're running a strong Libertarian campaign, I would like to provide whatever modest help I can.

For example, I might be able to write and sign an endorsement you can include as an insert with a fundraising letter. I also can provide Q&A material and other resources developed during my 1996 campaign.

Because my time is limited, I want to concentrate my help on those campaigns that are helping our long-term drive to build the LP and to build name-recognition for Libertarians.

If you think I can help, please do the following:
1. Mail me a set of all the campaign literature you've produced.
2. Include a brief summary (one typewritten page should be sufficient) of what you hope to achieve in the campaign, what you've done so far, how much money you've raised, and how much money you think you need to raise to achieve your objectives.

You can mail this material to:
Harry Browne c/o Debbie Greeson, 2825 Sawyer Bend Road, Franklin, Tennessee 37069

Thank you for helping the Libertarian Party by running. And good luck to you!

*With best wishes,*

*Harry Browne*

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**Remove This Threat to Your Privacy**

*by Richard Rider*

We wanted to share some facts on "Lexis-Nexis," one of the largest online computer database services in the world. Their Ptrax database apparently contains personal information including address, phone number, SS # and mother's maiden name of just about everyone in the U.S.

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If you prefer, you may call them at 1-888-965-3947. They have a large volume of calls, and the wait may be a long one on hold. From a legal standpoint, it is always better to have a written record of your request.

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Libertarian Candidate for RTD Board to Appear in Forums

By Judd Ptak’s Campaign Manager

Judd Ptak, who is running for the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation District, has been invited to appear in three candidate forums, two of them televised. The first will be in Denver on October 7, 1998 at 7:00 PM. This forum is sponsored by the Metro Mayor’s Caucus, and will be televised on local Public Access Cable Channels throughout the Denver Metro area. It will be held at the Aurora Municipal Library, 14949 E. Alameda Dr. The public is invited. This forum will concentrate on the RTD races, so it will be a good opportunity to find out about the candidates in your area and support Mr. Ptak.

On Friday, October 9th, Judd Ptak will enter the lion’s den. He will engage in a head to head debate with his opponent, Dick McLean. This will be sponsored by PLAN Boulder County, at Noon, at the University Club, located at 972 Broadway in Boulder, at the corner of Broadway & Euclid, across from the University Memorial Center (UMC). A soup & bread lunch is available for $3.25 including a drink, and salad is available for $5.25. The current Chair of PLAN Boulder, Matt Applebaum, was instrumental in recruiting Judd’s opponent, Dick McLean.

On Monday, October 12, 1998, the Boulder Valley League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum at Boulder City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway, which is at the Southwest corner of Broadway and Canyon Blvd. In addition to the RTD candidates, this will feature State Legislative races as well. This forum will begin at 6:45 PM, and be televised on Channel 8 in Boulder.

These debates and forums are great opportunities to show support for Libertarian candidates and principals, and learn about the candidates in races where we do not have Libertarians. If at all possible, attend these events and cheer your candidates, and submit some tough questions to the other candidates.

Mr. Ptak has already raised more money than the incumbent, Jon Caldara, spent on his 1994 RTD campaign. However, due to the success of Mr. Caldara and the Libertarian Party of Colorado fighting the “Guide the Ride” tax issue, this campaign will be more expensive. Ptak is shooting for a campaign budget well into the $10,000-$20,000 range. He has raised over $3,000 so far, but your support is needed. The Libertarian Party of Colorado has elected Dan Gallegos and David Bishop to the RTD Board in the past, but Ptak is our only chance to keep a presence on the Board in 1998. To support this campaign, please send your best contribution to: People for Ptak PO. Box 663 Nederland, CO 80466 Make the check to: “People for Ptak.”

Judd Ptak is the Legislative Director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado

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12 Reasons Every Taxpayer Should Vote “NO” on “B”

By Doug Bruce

1. The state will pay you $2500 to vote “No.” Average couples ($25,000-$50,000 or $50,000-$75,000 income) can get a tax refund of $400 or $600 next April. Those with incomes under $25,000 can get $200; those over $75,000 can get $900. Over the next five years, the average couple’s refund can be over $2500. You can get a refund whether you owe state income tax or not. But you can get this $2500 in tax-free cash ONLY if “B” loses.

2. “B” is “A BILLION DOLLAR BONANZA FOR BIGGER BUREAUCRACY.”

Do you want Big Government to grow even faster? Tax and revenue limits sparked our economy. Government revenue growth is already maxed out. Why mess with success? “B” is a BILLION DOLLAR TAX HIKE, the largest in state history. If it passes, we’ll pay a billion dollars more in taxes than if it loses, and risk our economic health.

3. “B” is a five-year spending spree. It locks us into giving them a billion dollars even if the economy slows, your personal finances change, or government finds new revenue sources. We can’t change our minds. They skim the billion off the top. Throwing a billion dollars at problems will not mean better government, just more wasteful spending. That money in the private sector will create jobs, investments, and tax revenue.

4. “B” is vague. Read the full text in the mailed state booklet; if you can’t understand it, vote “No.” The bill does not name one road or school to be built or fixed. There is no proof your local school or road will get one dollar. Those getting the loot will be chosen in a back room after the election, based on politics, not need. No project deadlines are given; the state could keep our money, and the interest on it, indefinitely. “B” uses emotional buzzwords like “transportation” and “education” because pollsters told politicians they were the best excuses to exploit to get our money.

5. “B” does not guarantee more spending for roads and schools. Nothing in “B” stops politicians from taking money now spent on roads and schools and shifting it to wasteful or unpopular programs. Legislators can also repeal the alleged earmarking of this money for schools and roads, AFTER we vote. This is just a shell game. To help schools, they can instead sell four million acres of state land. At $250 average per acre, that yields the same billion dollars, plus phase out the land-leasing state bureaucracy and put property back on local tax rolls to pay for schools and roads. We would keep our refunds, too.

6. “B” rewards government irresponsibility. Schools fixed by state taxpayers, a new state role, will be those where basic repairs are most neglected. Instead of paying raises first, budgets should earmark more for routine building maintenance. Since 1970, the state has cut its budget share going for roads from 13% to 6%. Don’t let your tax refund bail out the intentional budgetary manipulation that put us in this situation. Don’t subsidize waste.

7. The state just got extra money. This spring, federal aid for Colorado roads jumped 52%. The legislature also raised spending on roads over $2.3 billion. Let’s give these new programs time to work. How much more can the state spend efficiently at one time?

8. True growth is already covered by current revenue increases. State and school revenue rises automatically by inflation plus growth from total population or new students. Yet they want more than that 5.5% growth rate; they want five 10% increases. CU’s president said publicly he wants CU to grow 9% faster than inflation every year! Abnormal growth should pay its own way; why should we pay for new roads and schools to subsidize developer profit? The only growth this billion dollars will pay for is more suburban sprawl and more growth in government. That’s the problem, not the solution.

9. “B” is only the first grab at your wallet. “B” will not keep politicians from seeking even more next year, $11 billion in yearly state spending, $12 billion in local spending, automatic revenue growth, $5 billion in state reserves, etc.—isn’t that enough? Who will pay to run these new schools in poor rural areas, and to replace/repair those most neglected?

10. Many people need their refund. Instead of government redistributing money wastefully, why not keep more of what we earn? Think what $400 or $600 a year tax-free means to a senior couple, young marrieds saving for a down payment, or a blue collar family. State reports show that people at the lowest income level pay 3.6 times the share of their income in state-local taxes as do those at the top. Returning refunds will help offset that unfairness. Both parents must work now; one supports the family, the other supports the government. Are you pro-family or pro-bureaucracy?

11. There is a better way. Instead of 51% of voters taking away refunds needed by the 49%, plus all the non-voters, place check-off boxes on the state income tax return. List many programs—roads, schools, parks, prisons, wildlife, health, etc.—and let all citizens vote with their own refund dollars how much to give each one. Some may give it all away, others only $40—one person, one vote, wider options. Freedom means making choices; we’ll get better choices tomorrow only if we reject this bad one today.

12. It’s YOUR money! If your child found a wallet with money and identification, would you say “Give it back,” or would you advise negotiating with the victim as to how much to return? Politicians knowingly took money from us in violation of the constitution. Now they’re fighting us—We the People, for whom they are supposed to work—over the return of our money they should not have taken to begin with. Politicians think what’s theirs is theirs, what’s ours is negotiable.

Over five years, the average couple can get over $2500 in tax refunds. $2500 may mean a modest used car, a nice family trip, paying off your credit cards, a partial down payment for a starter home, help with medical bills, or a step out of poverty. But the $2500 will be paid only if “B” loses. The chief backer of “B” sneered publicly this year that voters were “clueless,” and “stupid” about taxes. Actually, voters would have to be heartless to take money from their neighbors for more wasteful government spending.
In 1992, we rejected a $340 million tax hike for schools; school spending has soared anyway. In 1997, a gas tax lost; transportation spending has now also zoomed. Issue "B" is one more half-baked scheme by special interests using a suspiciously round number (one billion dollars) not backed by research. It deserves the same "NO" in "NO-vember." Vote "NO" on "B."

Doug Bruce is the author of Amendment 1, the tax limitation amendment that the legislature is trying to get around by having Initiative 8 passed.

Kings of the High Frontier

By Victor Koman

Publication Date: October, 1998

Have you ever dreamed of journeying into outer space, of colonizing the planets and moons of our solar system? Do you ever ask yourself what happened to the promises of government-subsidized space programs?

Victor Koman has asked these questions and more, questions that have culminated in an epic new novel of near-future science fiction. KINGS of the HIGH FRONTIER. Koman, three-time Prometheus Award winner of such controversial novels as The Jehovah Contract and Solomon’s Knife, has labored long and hard to tell the tale of tomorrow, a tale where humankind struggles desperately to realize the dream dangled like a carrot before its eyes by a NASA grown bloated and inept. Around the world a new Space Race is underway, a race in which private citizens struggle against time and the oppressive power of a United Nations that would keep them stranded on an earth that seems barely capable of supporting the ever-increasing population. In KINGS of the HIGH FRONTIER, we follow the exploits and dreams of a handful of new frontiersman and women: an ex-astronaut and shuttle commander, a secretive black marketer and smuggler, a strong-willed and carefree billionaire, a struggling rocket designer, and a graduate student who is a direct descendant of the legendary frontiersman Davy Crockett. Laugh and cry, cheer and fear as these visionaries fight overpowering odds to journey into the Final Frontier.

Charles DeLint, in The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction, calls KINGS of the HIGH FRONTIER "an intriguing, exhilarating, thought-provoking...novel that brings back the sense of wonder that drew so many of us into science fiction in the first place." Ray Bradbury, internationally acclaimed author of Fahrenheit 451, says "In case you, like others, have forgotten the future, Victor Koman remembers it...Would that there were a dozen more writers like him, in the field."

KINGS of the HIGH FRONTIER was originally published on the Internet by Pulpless.Com, and as such has the distinction of being the first non-print novel to win the annual Prometheus Award. Demand for a print version of the novel was high, and yet many publishers felt KINGS of the HIGH FRONTIER to be too controversial. Koman challenges the traditional views that NASA and the government that backs it are our only hope for the exploration of space. He leaves no stone unturned in his dedication to showing that the individual, when motivated by dreams and aspirations, can accomplish anything when the will to do so is strong enough.

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