

Memo from

January 31, 1994

Brian,

I no longer watch your newsie round table shows. Believe it or not, the whole country is not enchanted with what the POST or the TIMES or NPR or their hacks have to say.

I pray that some day technology will allow you to have electronic roundtables that include people NOT from the Northeast Corridor, a few big cities, and the campus elite. If the views of these last named represent the majority of our country, we are in worse shape than I thought.

Brian, by now we all know the perspectives of the POST, we know in advance the feelings of the TIMES, and we understand that to be with NPR you must be from the East, of very Liberal persuasion, and pro-Zionist. How much longer do you think we have to hear this stuff?

I pray for the day your electronic round table will have common citizens from all 'round the country and newsies from such cities as Sioux Falls, Napa, Oshkosh, Austin, Bismark, Jonesboro, West Memphis, etc.

Then instead of having your finger on the various philosophies of some, you will have a grasp on the soul of this entire country.



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I don't know Bruce or
Nix. I am an
independent water
now for over 30-years.

Douglas Bruce has shown us what one man can do to change things

You media chappies cannot bring yourselves to give Douglas Bruce a break, can you? The guy cannot please you. He is uncouth. He does not suffer fools gladly. He is a social disgrace.

But thanks to Doug Bruce, Colorado has Amendment 1, which is nothing less than a Proclamation of Emancipation for taxpayers. And thanks to Bruce, we may be among the first states in the country to enact meaningful election reforms. He has spiced up our elections and brought cynical voters back to the polls.

Empowerment is a word Bruce would hate, but that is what he has done for Colorado voters. He has shown us what one stubborn man, armed with the power of the petition, can do to change things.

Bruce has never been properly thanked for any of this. Certainly

not by the career politicians whose style he has cramped; not by the bottom-feeders who live on crumbs from the public trough; and not by the press which ridicules and caricatures him as a boor and buffoon. Instead, he has been blamed for everything from the breakdown of public education to violence in the streets, and haled into court on charges roughly equivalent to spitting on the sidewalk.

Agreed, Bruce lacks charm. Personally, I find that charming. I have been robbed too often by charmers. Charmers have sold me airports-of-the-future which may even be open when the future arrives. They have sold me baseball stadiums, ugly convention centers, uglier libraries, and all manner of other amenities designed to enrich my life and drive me into

bankruptcy.

Would I like to chip in for a ritzy 1,000-room hotel in LoDo for the benefit of conventioners and jet-setters? Oh, sure, if I am approached with charm. How about a light-rail system — not to serve commuters but for the convenience of airport customers? You bet. Just call me Deep Pockets.

There is one civic project for which I will gladly chip in — a statue of Douglas Bruce in bronze, perhaps with a box of petitions on his shoulder. It should be located on the statehouse lawn where Secretary of State Natalie Meyer and her successors can see him every day, striding truculently to war with the bureaucratic dragons. We owe Doug Bruce that much, at least.

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Storage Technology chairman Ryal Poppa stands next to a robotic library, whose technology a group of investors says it financed and wants returned.

billion.

If Stuff Technology can link patents produced under the original Storage Technology Partners II joint venture and robotic libraries, it could be damaging for StorageTek, one industry observer said.

"That cuts right into the heart of StorageTek's biggest and most lucrative business, which is robot libraries," said Dick Wilmot of the *Independent RAID Report*, a Lafayette, Calif., publication that follows the mass storage business.

"If they have to give back the technology, if they have to stop selling robot libraries ... I can't believe it would come to that," Wilmot said. "You don't want to kill the goose that could lay the golden egg."

Joseph Payne, high-tech analyst for Kem-

per Securities Inc. in Minneapolis, called the lawsuit "bizarre" and said Stuff Technology likely has a tough legal road ahead.

"The rumor has been kicking around for a long time that they're going to claim they own the Iceberg patents," Payne said. "I don't know what to make of it. I don't know what these (technology) links are. If they're making claims to software, how they prove that is beyond me. ... It doesn't appear to be a direct claim on anything. ... It looks to me like a shot in the dark just as the company is about to come out of the tunnel."

Since announcing Iceberg, a complex, fail-safe mass storage system for mainframe computers, in January 1991, StorageTek has

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PLEASE GET DOUGLAS BRUCE ON C-SPAN

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Brian Lamb
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Subject: Douglas Bruce, citizen of Colorado

Mr. Lamb:

When the constitutions of many Western states were written, government was looked at with suspicion. Our experiences as territories or as wards of other countries were not that great. And so came the question: "How can we write a State Constitution that assures that individual rights given up to representatives will not be abused?"

In Colorado, California and others we solved this by allowing citizen petition (and majority vote by citizens) to directly amend the State Constitution, by-passing representative bodies that were either indifferent or uncaring of our opinions. You saw this, for instance, with Proposition-13 in California.

Now, almost 15-years later, comes Amendment One to Colorado. This was preceded by a terrific campaign by Douglas Bruce and his helpers. Mr. Bruce, a Colorado Springs businessman, is also the author of Amendment One which controls state spending and forces representatives to pick and choose priorities from a pot of revenue that cannot be expanded except by strict formula.

The fact is that Douglas Bruce, though the most important state figure in Colorado, has become a source for citizens of other states who are trying, and succeeding, to pass similar measures to amend their own state constitutions.

I would urge you to interview Douglas Bruce and get him on C-SPAN. He has a sure hand on governmental matters today that is not matched by politicians, newsies, and the camp followers of both. Bruce is a breath of fresh air for citizens fed up with representatives who take the view that their own vision of our state would be our vision if only we were as smart as they. This guy is a Ross Perot kind of Tiger who plays his game primarily on the state level. And, like Perot, he uses straight forward powerful language. PLEASE get him on.

I adore C-SPAN aside from the memo I enclose here. Brian Lamb has a name out here that is well respected. You have a good heart.


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