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Daniels runs as McCarthy's VP

Former Colorado Libertarian Party chairman Dave Daniels resigned in mid-July as the CLP's campaigns chair after stirring media interest with an announcement that he had accepted Eugene McCarthy's invitation to join the former Democratic Minnesota senator on the new Consumer Party's presidential ticket in Colorado.

Contrary to an erroneous report from the Associated Press, Daniels has not resigned from the Libertarian Party, although he has temporarily switched his party affiliation to "unaffiliated." Daniels offered his resignation from the CLP board at the July 13 board meeting, but that offer was rejected for lack of a qualified person to take over as campaigns chair.

Now that Daniels has resigned as campaigns chair, it is uncertain who will assume

those duties for the CLP. Willing and qualified individuals should contact the state headquarters.

In a telephone interview, Daniels stated, "I have not joined the Consumer Party. I am still a Libertarian. I'm still on board." Daniels estimated McCarthy's chances of getting on the Colorado ballot at about 50-50, saying the McCarthy/Daniels ticket had gained about a third of the required petition signatures.

During a July 18 appearance in Denver with Daniels, McCarthy said his campaign was intended to challenge the current election laws, which favor the dominant two political parties. McCarthy said the current laws violate numerous provisions of the U.S. Constitution, "including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, equal protection under the law and ...due process."

Calendar:

August 2
Ron Paul petitioning deadline.

August 5
Delta-Montrose Liberty meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Gunnison River Pleasure Park. Any interested Delta or Montrose County residents should attend. Call Ron at 323-6853 for more information or directions.

August 10
Board meeting and cocktail party chez Victoria Mason, 1270 Logan #8 (carriage house behind main building) in Denver on 2nd Wednesday of each month. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.; cocktail party at 7:30 p.m. For directions, call Victoria at 831-1620. It's polluck.

August 21
LP presidential candidate Ron Paul will address the Global Science Congress at the Continental Inn, 2601 Zuni in Denver. Call 452-9300.

Lloyd believes RTD win possible

In his second attempt to be elected to the Regional Transportation District's board of directors, Denver Libertarian Geoffrey "Jeff" Lloyd believes he might have accrued enough support to win the 1988 non-partisan election.

Lloyd said that, when he ran for the same post in 1984, he gained 30 percent of the popular vote, losing to Jack McCroskey, the same incumbent who is seeking re-election this year. Because the names and the issues are the same, Lloyd believes he can build upon his respectable '84 showing and win the '88 election.

His platform position is simple Libertarian philosophy focusing on public bus lines: "The people that use the bus should pay

for the service and those who don't shouldn't be forced to pay for it."

At July's cocktail party, Lloyd said he had 105 signatures in hand then out of 250 necessary to gain ballot access. He described the remaining effort necessary to get on the ballot as "a piece of cake."

The problems with RTD's bus service are obvious, Lloyd pointed out. "It's a waste" to operate a bus that's only half full of riders; peak hour only bus traffic would be a more efficient use of the taxpayers' money, if taxpayer money must be spent on public transportation, Lloyd observed.

The bus-only lanes in downtown Denver, Lloyd said, are "cutting 25 percent of our traffic flow capabilities" during rush hour.

From the Membership Chair

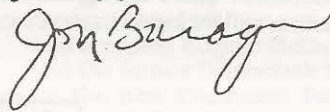
By Jon Baraga,
CLP Membership Chairman

We must significantly improve our outreach program in order to be a viable organization. Accordingly my main objectives in the next year are:

One, to help start and build strong and effective local affiliates all over the state. We must take the initiative at the local level;

Two, to create local speakers' bureaus and enhance outreach through speakers' workshops. Also, form college affiliates and get our message to as many high school and college students as possible. We need to get our message to the youth now. They are ready to listen to our ideas;

Three, to greatly increase our financial base through a coordinated fundraising and pledge program. When I call, "Please, just say yes."



From the Communications Chair

By Ron Bain,
CLP Communications Chairman

Seeing and taking part in the phenomenal growth in potential of the Colorado Libertarian Party during the past year has been extremely gratifying and exhilarating for me. It seems the necessary pieces are finally falling together to make this a truly statewide party: Front Range, Western Slope, southern plus northeastern Colorado towns and counties seem to be sprouting Libertarian affiliates like mushrooms after a rainstorm.

Fruita resident Kim Benham and Grand Junction's Steve Thurman, a transplant to the Western Slope from Boulder, got the ball rolling in May, 1987 with the formation of Mesa County Liberty; Mary Margaret Glennie has organized Ft. Collins; I'm trying to do my part by organizing the two counties where I live and work with Delta-Montrose Liberty; and a Colorado Springs affiliate is in the works! Let's keep up the great work!



Statehouse candidate Aitken speaks out on Persian Gulf

Shortly after the downing of an Iranian passenger jet by a Persian Gulf-assigned U.S. destroyer, Libertarian candidate for state representative from District 6 David Aitken called a press conference and issued this statement:

"As a candidate for the state legislature and an official of the Colorado Libertarian Party, I deplore the tragedy and loss of innocent life occurring with the destruction of the Iranian airliner in the Persian Gulf. The U.S. naval captain is not to blame. Given the situation, his actions were probably justified. The blame lies with the president of the United States.

"The Libertarian Party has been consistently opposed to this nation's military and political involvement in other parts of the world. This incident is one of the reasons why.

"Our military action in the Persian Gulf is an unconstitutional war. It was started without a declaration of war from Congress, and is in direct conflict with the ideals this nation was founded on over 200 years ago.

"Our military forces should be used only for the defense of the our nation, not to pursue political and military goals in other parts of the world.

"Because both Democratic and Republican presidents seem prone to foreign adventurism, and have consistently demonstrated their ignorance and disrespect of the Constitution, we call for the election of leaders who understand and respect the Constitution and its restraints."

Letter to the CLiPboard

Dear Editor:

Jim Turney's column in the May/June LP News gave his commentary on how disappointed he was with the Indianapolis meeting of the National Committee (NATCOM). I'd like to put my two cents in (Editor's note: these comments have been edited for conciseness due to space considerations):

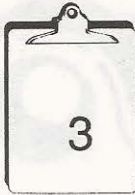
It's ridiculous to make decisions based on thick reports (or no reports) that you haven't read or been told about in advance.

I got the impression from Jim's column that "surprise" motions at the NATCOM meetings were something NATCOM was "doing" to him. Jim is one of the major culprits. My complaint here is with the sloppy way that NATCOM routinely operates. As chair, Jim Turney is one of the major victims and one of the major culprits.

Treasurer Cliff Thies indicated that Jim racks up large phone bills and has probably exceeded his phone budget by April. It's believable. What I consider a 15-minute call takes an hour with Jim. Jim was there when Cliff's presentation was made. No questions, refutations or denials. I considered this a tacit admission by Jim that he had talking a lot recently on the phone, and had probably exceeded his budget. "Serious charges of impropriety"? No. Merely exceeding a line item on the budget.

Lest the average reader become (more?) disgusted with the constant "factionalism" and "in-fighting", I'd like to point out that the few factions which exist in NATCOM are small and scattered, not blocs.

NATCOM representative Gerry Walsh
Roselle, III.



1988 Campaign Update:

The following Libertarian candidates have announced candidacies for public office or are actively pursuing their campaigns in Colorado:

| Candidate | Office | Status | Telephone |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-----------|
| David Aitken | State Rep. Dist. 6 | Active | 831-4334 |
| Geoffrey Lloyd | RTD Dist. A Denver | Active | 733-7962 |
| Robin Held | U.S. Cong. Dist 1 | Active | 320-1910 |
| Jim Phelps | U.S. Cong. Dist. 6 | Active | NA |
| Robert Martin | Mesa Co. Comm. | Active | 241-5324 |

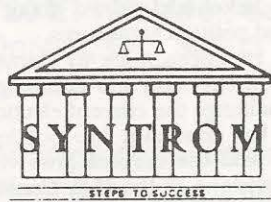
Paul visiting Denver Aug. 21

Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul will address the Global Science Congress on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Continental Inn, located at 2601 Zuni in Denver.

Dr. Paul will follow Eugene Faulstich, a Near-East chronology expert on astronomy, computers and ancient documents, and George Hansen, former U.S. Congressman from Idaho.

Registration cost for the session, which will start at 8:30 a.m., is \$16. For more information, call Dean Stonier at 452-9300.

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___ Speak ___ Staff office
___ Pamphleteer

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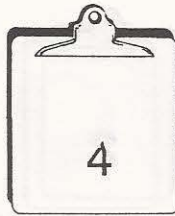
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National Libertarian Party
1528 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E.
Washington D.C. 20003



CLP officers and Libertarian contacts:

Mary Lind, Party Chairman 686-5541
 Jon Baraga, Membership Chair 722-1626
 David Daniels, Campaigns Chair 733-7757
 Ron Bain, Communications Chair 323-6853
 (Send materials for CLiPboard to P.O. Box 522, Delta, CO. 81416)
 David Aitken, Finance Chair 831-4334
 CLP Office & Party HQ 837-9393
 720 E. 18th Ave., Suite 309, Denver, CO. 80203
 Mesa County Liberty 243-1088
 Steve Thurman, Chairman,
 Organizing Grand Junction area
 Delta-Montrose Liberty 323-6853
 Ron Bain, Chairman
 Organizing Delta and Montrose Counties
 Bill Robinson, Ron Paul Contact 756-6601
 Penn Pfiffner, Nat Com Contact 427-4357

Registered Libertarian update

If you live in a county not listed below and haven't done so already, go to your county clerk's office and ask for a listing of the registered Libertarians. In small counties, sometimes it is a free service; in larger counties, you might be asked for a cent or two per name. It's part of the CLP's current outreach effort, so do your part!

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|----------|----|-----------|-----|----------------|-----------|
| Adams | 36 | Denver | 124 | Summit | 3 |
| Arapahoe | 57 | Eagle | 3 | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>12</u> |
| Boulder | 77 | Jefferson | 93 | | |
| Delta | 5 | Montrose | 4 | Total | 412 |

Sept. board mtg. to correspond with Delta anti-tax, political rally

It was agreed at the July 13 CLP board meeting that the September board meeting would be held in Delta County to correspond with a tax limitation and alternative politics rally being sponsored on Friday, September 9 by Delta-Montrose Liberty. Those invited or to be invited include all Colorado Libertarian and Populist candidates for public office, Libertarian vice-presidential nominee Andre Marrou, TABOR Amendment author Douglas Bruce, the CLP board, and any Demopublican candidates brave enough to face this tough crowd. More information will included in next month's CLiPboard.

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