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Patrick Henry will make his appearance at the convention on Friday evening.
CLP Asks High Court to Review Heid Case

The Colorado Libertarian Party has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a case in which Robin Heid was kept off the November 1990 ballot. Heid was the CLP's candidate for Governor, but the petition to place his name on the ballot was rejected by Secretary of State Natalie Meyer, relying on a statute that requires that a candidate being nominated by petition be registered as "unaffiliated" for twelve months.

The CLP's challenge to this rule is based on the principle that a political party has a Constitutional right to determine who are its members and who is best qualified to represent its views as a candidate. Heid was a member of the Libertarian Party and was qualified to be the Libertarian candidate under the CLP's rules.

An attempt to have the rule declared unconstitutional prior to the election was unsuccessful, and David Aitken was named to take Heid's place on the ballot while the decision was appealed.

The Colorado Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, ruled against the CLP and Heid last October.

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But the CLP decided to appeal this ruling in light of an opinion issued by the U.S. Supreme Court in January. In Norman v. Reed, a case from Illinois, the U.S Supreme Court clarified the criteria to be used in deciding ballot access cases, stating that the Constitution protects the "right of citizens to create and develop new political parties."

The CLP is arguing, among other things, that the Colorado rule is unconstitutional because it has not been demonstrated to serve a "compelling state interest." The Supreme Court has now said that not only must the state demonstrate such an interest, but that it must use the least restrictive means available for achieving that interest.

The Colorado Supreme Court failed to require the state to show a compelling interest. Instead, the court said that it was applying a "balancing" test, which would allow the CLP's constitutional rights to be abridged if the "interests" of the state were sufficient. Yet, strangely, the court then failed to even require the state to quantify its interests. Indeed, the state never even provided evidence of any actual harm that would be caused by allowing the CLP to nominate Heid.

Libertarians say that the Colorado statute is also a violation of their right to "equal protection" under the Fourteenth Amendment, because the same rule does not apply to Republican and Democratic nominees. Such a rule was on the books for major party candidates, but was found to be unconstitutional by a state court in 1988.

This case is being handled by the ACLU, so the LP will not have to pay attorney's fees (lawyers donate their time to the ACLU), but the LP was responsible for coming up with $2500 for expenses on very short notice. Thanks to a very generous donation from ballot access expert Richard Winger, a contribution from the national LP, and contributions from Colorado LP members David Bryant, Joe and Natalie Dehn, Doug Anderson, David Aitken, Rob Benson, and Robert Barry, this requirement was met by the filing deadline.

PETITIONING STATUS

It's time to get moving on the petition to put Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord on the ballot! After an encouraging start in September, activity has dropped off to an agonizingly slow crawl. Best estimate at this point is that we have collected only about one-fifth of the signatures that we need.

The job isn't that big if enough people pitch in. We need a total of about 7,500 signatures. A petition form for copying was included in the Sep/Oct issue, but if you don't have that, just call the CLP office and we'll send you some. If you have any questions about petitioning procedure, or where is a good place to do it, call Ron Bain at 303-321-6780.

THINGS ARE REALLY HOPPING!

Things are really hopping. The Denver affiliate has elected new officers, and is becoming a steady source of new members. Several people are working to form affiliates in Aurora, and in Englewood. Some other people in Denver are working to launch new affiliates in Clear Creek county and in La Plata county. And the inquiries from interested voters continue to pour in as fast as we can handle them.

Jan Duncan is off to a fast start as the new chairperson for the Denver affiliate. She has formed a program committee which is already making plans for next year's meetings! To learn more about the meetings in Denver, and how you can make our party grow even faster, please call Jan at 303-871-8824.

Out in Aurora, four people are working to organize a new affiliate. Jeff Ornok (303-360-7005), James Campbell (303-721-6484), Bob Donay (303-695-9537), and Chuck Bilbo (303-690-4565) are enthusiastic about the prospect of a dynamic new group. If you live in Aurora, and want to be more active in Libertarian affairs, please give any one or all of them a call.

In Englewood, Christopher Bennett (303-770-5033) is also working to get a new group started. The CLP has a lot of members in the south-central metro area; it will be difficult for Chris to contact everyone of you. You can make his life easier by calling and getting involved in the effort to start another new affiliate.

Here in Denver, I've been working with Doug Anderson (303-757-8896) and Bert Wiener (303-934-3245) to locate Libertarian
Warning: TIME Magazine Error Creating Confusion Across the Country

What do Lyndon LaRouche and the Libertarian Party have in common? That their names begin with "L" – and not much else.

What do WNET-TV in New York and KING-TV in Seattle have in common? That they get their information about politics by reading TIME magazine. Or at least that's where they say they got the idea that LaRouche is a Libertarian (WNET even called him "head of the Libertarian Party").

This long-running confusion was given an unfortunate boost by the 13 January issue of TIME, which referred to LaRouche as "the wild-eyed libertarian [who entered the New Hampshire primary] from the federal prison in Alexandria, Va.". This was picked up by the two TV stations and other press organizations, who apparently don't have actual political writers or reporters on their staffs. (Where did TIME get their information? Probably saw it on TV...)

Lyndon LaRouche, of course, is not "head of the Libertarian Party". He is not a member or candidate of the LP, and never has been. He is by no stretch of the imagination even a "lower-case libertarian" – someone who believes in the libertarian philosophy. And he doesn't call himself a libertarian.

So far we in Colorado seem to have been spared any serious repetitions of this erroneous information. (Maybe the TV writers here all read Newsweek?) But that probably won't last – with enough repetitions around the country, many of us will encounter this error sooner or later, either in the media or from acquaintances who have read it in TIME or elsewhere.

When that happens, take the opportunity to point out the following:

- LaRouche did run as a "third party" candidate in the past, in something called the "U.S. Labor Party" (not very libertarian-sounding...).
- LaRouche now calls himself a Democrat, and is running in the Democratic presidential primaries.
- LaRouche's position on issues – from his denunciation of drug sales to his calls for massive government spending programs – are the opposite of libertarian positions.
- Most important, the Libertarian Party candidate is ANDRE MARROU.

If you notice an error like this (or anything else relating to the LP) in your local newspaper or on a radio or TV station, please report it to the CLP office immediately, so we can follow up and try to get a correction. (Both WNET and KING broadcast a correction after the error was pointed out to them by Libertarian activists.) And then follow up yourself, too, by calling the paper or station and making the points noted above.

There is an amazing amount of political ignorance out there, even among those whose job is to cover politics. Let's all work on stamping it out, and getting the truth out about the LP and our actual candidates!
Convention Committees Appointed

The CLP Board of Directors has made appointments to the committees charged with preparing proposed amendments to the Party's governing documents. The changes will be voted on by members in attendance at the state convention in April.

Appointed to head the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is David Bryant. Also appointed to that committee are Richard Combs, Bob Douty, Jeff Oroko, and David Segal. Members who are interested in making suggestions about the Constitution or Bylaws are urged to contact one of the committee members. If you would like a copy of these documents as they currently stand, call the CLP office. They are also available for download from DehitaBase Emerald (303-972-6575), in file area 16.

Ron Bain was appointed to chair the Platform Committee, and he is eager to hear from other members who would like to work with him. The CLP Platform has not been amended in several years, so there is definitely some work to be done! Give him a call at 303-321-6780 if you are interested.

Each affiliate chapter is also entitled to appoint its own representative to each of these committees, so if your chapter has someone who wants to serve on one of them, have him or her call Dave or Ron right away!

Potential Candidates Making Plans

Meeting in Lakewood in November, about one year before election day, Libertarians from around the state heard from a variety of speakers on subjects relating to campaigning. Organized by Campaigns Director Ron Bain, the gathering included seven people who already had tentative plans for running in 1992.

Attendees got the story of an LP campaign from a videotape of Don Ernstberger, who ran for Congress in Pennsylvania. He presented strategies for maximizing publicity, and evaluated his campaign in comparison with his own previously set goals, which included funds to be raised, number of contribu-

Colorado Advances in National Membership

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Colorado Advances in National Membership Rankings

The CLP’s active follow up on membership inquiries has been paying off in a higher than average growth rate over the past few months, resulting in Colorado moving ahead of California in the national "members per million population" ranking.

Names of prospective members come into the CLP office in the form of phone messages, lists of people who have attended meetings or signed up at a "political quiz" booth, and from the national LP (primarily, people who have called the national 800 number). Membership Director David Bryant has been making sure each of these people receives a packet of information about the LP, with a convenient membership application and business reply envelope. Many new members have joined the CLP and the national LP as a result!

The most recent available state by state ranking (of dues-paying membership in the national LP) shows Colorado in 4th place:

- New Hampshire 177.8
- Alaska 123.2
- Maine 86.8
- Colorado 75.0
- California 70.2
- Nevada 62.2
- Utah 56.7
- Arizona 51.4

tors, and number of newspaper clippings.

David Bryant reviewed some of the basics of getting on the ballot, and of campaign finance regulations – mundane but essential information each candidate must have.

Mary Margaret Glennie covered a number of important issues relating to campaign management, including use of volunteers, radio ads, and letters to the editor. A special focus of her presentation was the use of a phone bank in all stages of a campaign, from initial issues state legislature still won’t find out for a while which district they will be running for, because the redistricting process is not complete. But that isn’t stopping some candidates from coming forward and making known their intentions. If your current representative isn’t a libertarian (and whose is?), this is a good time to give serious consideration to running for that office. If you think you might like to do that, or if you would be interested in helping with some other candidate’s campaign, give Ron a call at 303-321-6780.

Campus Notes

Libertarians are becoming active on campuses around the state. CSU Campus Libertarians, led by Robin Ely, have been holding regular meetings for some time – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 7pm. This term they plan to run the "political survey" booth several times on campus; dates coming up are 19 and 26 February, at the flea market in the Lory Student Center, following up with a pizza party on the 26th to introduce new members and prospects. If you are a student in the Ft. Collins area, give her a call at 490-1768 to find out more!

The newest group to form is UCCS Campus Libertarians. Organizer Eric Betelle writes: "Here at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, I have seen a fair amount of interest in the LP and the principles for which it stands. When I read in the December Libertarian Party NEWS that the LP has a goal of 100 campus groups, I decided that starting a group right here would be the best way for me to help the LP." If you are a student at UCCS, or anywhere in the Colorado Springs area, give him a call at 593-3469.

And if there isn’t already a Libertarian student group on your campus, why not start one? For information on materials and other help available to student groups, call the CLP office at 303-837-9393.

Congratulations to
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How to Make Your Local Chapter Grow

When some Denver Libertarians sat down in the CLP office recently to plan out possible activities for their chapter, they came up with enough ideas to fill the whole office blackboard!

What can you do to make your chapter more active? Why not use Denver’s list as a starting point for discussion? (Adding your own ideas, and adapting them to apply to local concerns, of course.)

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