

GOSSIP

JIMMY LAKEY FORMS 7TH CD EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

The "Jimmy Lakey for Congress Exploratory Committee" was filed with the Federal Election Commission on Thursday. Lakey is "testing the waters" in the 7th Congressional District of Colorado which is currently represented by Democratic U.S. Rep. **Ed Perlmutter**.

In announcing the formation of the exploratory committee Lakey said, "When my wife and I completed the adoption of our son from Rwanda, he was granted U.S. Citizenship with all of its responsibility and freedom. Now, as I watch the size and scope of our government explode at a rate eclipsed only by the outrageous growth of reckless government spending, it causes me to wonder what my son's citizenship will be worth in twenty years. Will it be as valuable in twenty years as it is today?"

"Our sons and daughters are counting on us to stand on the enduring principles of freedom that inspired our Founders."

Lakey is a self-described entrepreneur & humanitarian who has dedicated his life to leaving a legacy which impacts the next generation.

He began a company that is now recognized & respected nationwide for its innovative investment in music and family enter-

tainment projects, implementing a business model where large portions of proceeds are given to fund humanitarian causes. He also serves as founder & president of World Changers International, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is focused on impacting orphans in Africa through providing education & other basic needs through an initiative known as "River's Promise".

Lakey's press release called him a "gifted communicator" who has been known as a strong voice in American radio. "The Jimmy Lakey Show" was heard on radio in Colorado on 710 KNUS and 1150 KNRC. As a talk show host, Lakey was unafraid to challenge the growing intrusion of local, state, and national government and became known as "a new generation of American Conservative."

Lakey grew up in a working class neighborhood, raised by parents who taught the importance of hard work, faith in God, & love of country. His mother was an office clerk for a defense contractor and his father a mortician who sold caskets on the side to further provide for his family. Lakey said the values and determination that his parents instilled helped him become the first in his immediate family to graduate from college, earning a BA from the University of Texas system.

The Exploratory Committee's website is at www.JimmyLakeyForCongress.com.

LITTLETON CELEBRATES "FABULOUS 50" BIRTHDAY

Colorado state Board of Education member **Peggy Littleton** celebrated her "Fabulous 50" birthday at a bash of more

than 50 friends at MacKenzie Place in Colorado Springs. A slide show of Littleton flashed her history — from a dancing toddler to a risk-taking adult skydiving, river rafting and parasailing. Perhaps the funniest shot was Littleton with Rep. **Amy Stephens** and Cindy Murphy vamping as "Blonde Babes for Bush" at the 2004 Republican National Convention. The trio caught the eye of **Sean Hannity** who gave them 15 seconds of fame on Fox News.

"She made a list of things to accomplish before turning 50. She did them all!" exclaimed Stephens, who watched the slide show with her husband **Ron Stephens**.

Of course, there were lots of family photos of Littleton with her husband Don Littleton, who she met while a junior at Colorado State University, and the couple's three children — **Tiffany, Shawn and Brittany**.

On Littleton's list now is winning the El Paso County Commissioner's seat in District 5 which is being vacated next year by **Jim Bensberg** who will be term limited. Bensberg was among the 70 or so birthday revelers that included Rep. **Larry Liston**, R-Colorado Springs, **Jeff Crank**, former Congressman **Joel Hefley** campaign staffer **Sam Schafer**, former El Paso County Commissioner **Duncan Bremer**, and **Eli and Cami Bremer**.

The party on Oct. 22 was also a campaign fundraiser and hosted by 18 "who's who" Republicans, including former Colorado First Lady **Frances Owens**, state Rep. **Marsha Looper**, Bensberg, **Mary Harold, George and Betty Swintz, Debbie**



The real "Blonde Babes for Bush," Republican Rep. Amy Stephens and state Board of Education member Peggy Littleton, both of Colorado Springs, celebrate Littleton's 50th birthday. PHOTO BY TATIANNAGRUEN/THE COLORADO STATESMAN

and **Mike Chavez** and former Congressman **Bob Schaffer** and **Maureen Schaffer**.

Watching the honoree try to blow out 50 candles would usually be the hilarious highlight at such a bash — but that sight was surpassed by a surprise gift from Liston.

Never one to pass up a gag, the Republican lawmaker presented Littleton with a walker — complete with a seat for resting during her door-to-door precinct campaign tours. Littleton burst out laughing!

It seems that Liston had borrowed the walker from his mom who resides at MacKenzie Place, a retirement community in Colorado Springs.

"It was a terrific party — and great turnout!" said Littleton.