Wisconsin LP Ballot Drive a Success

Members of the Wisconsin LP have recently completed a petition drive to gain ballot status for the 1990 elections. The petition drive, headed by Ken Zollner, will allow the Wisconsin LP to run David Ameringer for state treasurer in November. The state party is confident that Ameringer's candidacy can draw the necessary one percent of the vote required to win automatic ballot status for Libertarian Party candidates for the 1992 elections.

Ameringer, of West Bend, Wisconsin, has established a reputation for himself in the community. He has been active in the past on several tax initiatives and has been an active member of the National Rifle Association.

His campaign theme will urge voters to elect a Libertarian as an independent "watchdog" over Democrats and Republicans.

Communist Chinese Seem In Agreement With LP In Describing Census

It looks like the Communist Chinese government has been best able to sum up the purpose of a Census. Here's the Chinese government's official slogan for its own census just getting underway:

"The conduct of population census serves the need of socialist modernization construction."

The Libertarian Party was the only national organization to protest the census and to assist census resisters. The LP Headquarters has assembled newspaper articles and letters regarding the census issue, which it will be publishing soon. Liberty Pledgers should contact the Headquarters for more information on how to get a copy.

And Other Items of Note . . .

- The LP's Ballot Access Committee is organizing teams of petitioners to work on ballot drives for 1992 ballot status in Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

- The LP Headquarters is working on a system for printing Liberty Pledge Newsletter mailing labels to include confirmation that pledge payments are up-to-date or the amount of any overdue payments.

- Don Ernsberger has just completed another organizing swing for the college project. He visited student activists in Northern Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin; visiting the University of Wisconsin at Madison, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and Bowling Green University.
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Richard Fogleay is a political writer for the Kansas City Star.

A Libertarian candidate can't stand on his platform as well as he stands on his ears. I'm proving it. My ears are longer than the ears of any other candidate. If I wanted to, I could stick my ears in the ground and walk on them."

We present: the political "chicken with no head."
Libertarians to challenge the unopposed

By JERRY RHODES
News Staff Writer

At least three candidates with no major-party opponent in the general election will have opposition in November from the Libertarian Party of Oregon, which has nominated 11 candidates for partisan public office.

The party met over the weekend in Portland to fill slots on the state ballot. The party's place on the ballot was assured in the 1988 general election, when Fred Oerther of Clackamas drew 11 percent of the vote in the 1988 general election, when Fred Oerther of Clackamas drew 11 percent of the vote against incumbent Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer. Minor parties must petition to be on the ballot unless a candidate from that party has drawn more than 5 percent of the vote in a statewide election. (The law was changed in 1988 to allow ballot access with only 1 percent of votes in the previous election.)

Oerther, a Vietnam veteran, retired physician and organic farmer who is active in campaigns to legalize marijuana use, will be on the ballot again as candidate for governor. Oerther's nomination came despite a Thursday arrest on drug charges that the candidate claimed was politically motivated.

Toni Nathan of Eugene will be on the ballot in Lane County:

- Bob Favre of Eugene was nominated for House District 39. Favre will face off against incumbent Rep. Jim Edmonds, D-Eugene. No Republican ran in the primary.

- Mary Ann Ruggiero of Salem was nominated for commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Ruggiero, a shop steward for the Oregon Federation of Nurses, will oppose Mary Wendy Roberts, the Democratic incumbent who drew no Republican opposition.

- Toni Nathan of Eugene will be on the ballot seeking the 4th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Nathan's opponent is Rep. Peter DeFazio, the incumbent Democrat.


Heaven help taxpayers

To the editor: 

Heaven help the poor Oregon taxpayers!

Both candidates of the two major parties have lived the last 10 years or so in the world of the bureaucracy with its assured salaries, perks, cost-of-living increases, pension plan, paid insurance and strong unions. What can they really know of the real world of the entrepreneur or laborer in the private sector?

Reading government reports in the security of one's posh office every day is hardly a "broad working experience."

Bob Twiddle He and Twiddle She are proposing a sales tax that would harm the young and poor the most and another bookkeeping nightmare to business in spite of the fact that the voters and taxpayers have rejected this approach a number of times.

The male candidate of the Republicans is a member of the judiciary branch of government wanting to jump to the executive with no mention of resigning from the "bar" if he wins. I find this a gross conflict of interest. Now nice for these lawyer types to hippocrep to the executive or executive branch, enact ambiguous laws then go home and make a nice living interpreting them.

I'm just jealous, of course, trying to survive in that world where one and one is still two, people earn their own living, and it doesn't matter where you went to school as long as you learned something. I would surmise Constitutional Law might be helpful for a lawyer, but I'm old-fashioned about the government I try to keep and am hard pressed to pay for.

Methinks this is the year I join the NOW ladies and send my entire political budget to the Libertarians. No matter how one may disagree with the Libertarians they have the right to any tax and show some respect for the voters.

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Party offers 'less government'

Denise Zandell
Record Staff Writer

The Libertarian Party supports the rights of the individual over the rights of the government, according to the party's state coordinator, Joseph E. Knight of Flora Vista, N.M., said the party's main issue is "who should control your life and your property...you or somebody else. Every other issue is reduced to that."

"The Republicans and Democrats are offering a choice of more government," Knight said Wednesday during an interview with the Daily Record. "We are offering a choice of less government," Knight said.

Party members seek a world of liberty in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others, according to the Libertarian Party's preamble.

People who are interested in learning more about the Libertarian Party may attend free seminars at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. today at the Sally Port Inn, 2000 N. Main St.

Knight said each seminar, which lasts about 1½ hours, will explain in detail Libertarian principles and show participants how the party applies principles to the issues.

The meetings also will share information on third party strategy and why it helps to support a third party.

Knight recommended participants arrive shortly before the seminars begin, so they will not miss any of the discussion. He said the Libertarians agree with political conservatives who say the country needs economic freedom, as well as with liberals who support personal freedoms.

The Libertarian Party believes government "should protect us from the bad guys, defend our shores from foreign aggression and otherwise get the hell out of our lives," he said.

Knight said the party attracts a wide, diverse crowd, including atheists, fundamentalists, Catholic lay people, business owners, housewives, bikers, farmers and people that are in general fed up with government.

He estimated there are about 1,500 registered Libertarians in the state, adding that the party is the third largest and fastest growing party in the nation.

Knight said he did not have a count of Chaves County Libertarians, adding that he hoped to have a better idea after today's seminars.

The Libertarian Party has been elected to a statewide office yet, although two Libertarians from San Juan County and two from McKinley counties are seeking election to the House of Representatives. A Libertarian from Luna County is seeking the nod for sheriff.

The Libertarian Party has elected three people to the Alaska statehouse. Knight said, as well as to many local offices across New Mexico.

Its biggest success to date is in Big Water, Utah, where the mayor and entire city council are Libertarians, Knight said.

While in Roswell, Knight will assist local Libertarians in establishing the foundation of a Chaves County Libertarian Party.