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BALLOT ACCESS DRIVE ON!!

YOUR HELP NEEDED WITH PETITION DRIVE

By Dan Becan
State Chairman, LPN

The drive to get the Libertarian Party back on the Nevada ballot started in Las Vegas in June. The Ballot Access Committee (BAC) will have two signature gatherers spending the summer in Las Vegas and I hope the LPCC will extend them every courtesy. They will be staying in their own motor home so lodging will not be a problem, but owning a motor home myself, I know that local ordinances against parking could be a pain. The National BAC will pay Party members, or donate 25 cents to the Nevada LP or LPCC for each signature that local volunteers gather.

The National LP is having a membership campaign for new National Members or reactivated former members. The State LP or the LPCC will receive up to 50% of the \$15.00 yearly dues paid to national. This is on a contest basis between the other state LP's and runs between June 15th and August 15th. So, if you are not presently a National LP member, send in your membership fee for the money and the glory.

August 15th is the deadline for me to send in the list of delegates to the National Convention to be held in Philadelphia. If any member of the Nevada LP thinks they will be back east around Labor Day weekend (August 30th through Sept. 5th) please let me know and I will make you a delegate or alternate.

AMERICA NEEDS YOU!
Without a REAL choice on the ballot
-- Freedom is history!
...Please help with the petitioning.

OUR APOLOGIES. . .

The Porcupine would like to offer an apology to Mr. Jim Burns until the August issue. The Letter to the Editor he wrote would not fit in this condensed issue and cutting it down would not do it justice. We urge all readers to look for it next month.

SUCCESS!

By Paul Jacob

The Ballot Access Committee (BAC) has been mobilizing Libertarians in Oregon to lobby the legislature in favor of ballot access bill HB 3230 which significantly reduces the ballot access barriers in Oregon. The resultant pressure from Oregon Libertarians was successful in getting the Senate Committee to schedule a hearing on the bill.

The bill passed the House unanimously, but was held up in the Senate Governmental Affairs and Elections Committee because the chairman of the committee gave it a low priority. The BAC sprang into action by mailing a letter to every Libertarian in the state and following up the letter with phone calls urging members to contact the Senate Elections Committee and their local Senator on behalf of HB 3211.

The response was fantastic. . . Oregon Libertarians have gotten behind this effort and really made a difference. Within 10 days of the BAC letter, contact from the state Party members caused the chairman of the Elections Committee to change his mind and schedule a hearing on the bill. The chairman also asked us to stop calling his office. Obviously, we were tying up his phone with so many calls. We stopped calling but you can bet the calls and letters will continue going to other Senators.

The bill, HB 3230, reduces the petition requirement to get on the ballot to half of the 68,000 signatures collected in 1988 and drops the vote percentage necessary to keep ballot status from 5% in a statewide race, to only 1%. Under such a requirement it is likely the Oregon LP will never have to petition again.

For more info, LP members are encouraged to call BAC at (501) 753-1271.



From the Chair

By Al Western, Jr.

How many times have you been sitting around talking to people about Libertarianism and suddenly someone stands up and says, "I can go for that, I'd like to be a Libertarian." Then, the next time you see that person and you ask them if they registered to vote yet, you get a response something like: "No, I haven't had time yet." Or worse, they say they went to the DMV to register and were flatly refused the right to sign up as Libertarian! Believe it or not, State Director, Gordon Morris possesses signed affidavits attesting to the fact that people were told by DMV employees that registering Libertarian in Nevada was not permissible! And it doesn't stop there. John Alford registered as a Libertarian prior to the last national election. He has yet to receive a sample ballot and there have been three elections since then!

Now, there is no doubt that Libertarians are great excuse makers. To some extent we have to be. . . and we have an entire list of targets where we may place blame: The DMV won't let people register Libertarian; the press won't give our candidates unbiased coverage; the press won't give our candidates any coverage; we don't have enough candidates; we spend all our money and energy on ballot access. . . and on and on. Right or wrong, it's time to quit complaining and do something about it.

Once again the Republicrats have seen to it that our ballot access has been denied yet, they have provided us with two avenues from which we can regain it. The first program is underway:

petitioning the registered voters. Petitioning is boring, repetitious, time consuming, expensive, and downright dirty work. It is a hateful task, but already people like Julie Vorce, Paula Miller, Jack LeVine, and Jeff May, just to name a few, have begun circulating the distasteful papers for signatures, State perusal, and validation.

(It would be interesting to discover how much petitioning casts the Nevada taxpayers. Maybe if they knew, they might pressure our legislature into repealing the horrendous, and unnecessary ballot access laws.)

Regardless, the second road to success is simply to register enough individuals as Libertarians so that percentage requirements are met. But, to succeed in this endeavor, this requires your participation as the LP needs field registrars. Contrary to the regimentation perpetuated by petitioning, registering people to vote is somewhat exciting, ever-changing, quick, cost effective, and damn near "karmically" clean! It is also self-gratifying in that you've actually helped someone become involved in the political process, a privilege more people need to exercise.

So, call the Voter Registrar's office this week, make and appointment, take ten minutes of your precious time this week and become a field registrar. You won't regret it.

Chuck's **CORNER**

By Chuck Geshliger

An open question to "conservatives:" If the Libertarian Party was to reverse its platform stand on the de-criminalization of "drugs" and become neutral in the question of legalized abortion, would you re-register Libertarian?

Without waiting for an answer I will bet the overwhelming answer would be: "I would, but..." with some other excuse resounding. I believe that by constantly referring to oneself as "conservative," (a word that implies a reserved person who is comfortable with things as they are),

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for so long, many "Constitutional Americanists" have been lulled into becoming just that: *too bloody conservative* to rock a boat!

Drugs and abortion offer socially acceptable excuses not to tackle these sticky issues with some objectivity and perhaps join a political Party that is not socially acceptable... *even though you may agree with everything else 100%*! Are the socially acceptable Republicans, whose leaders and elected officials show a consistent lack of remorse when lying to us about their love for the Constitution and free-enterprise, (see voting records), whose Party Platform holds not a semblance of original Constitutional intent, whose party sway is tied to *consensus* rather than stated principle, really the answer?

The documents left to us by our founding fathers are the most *radical* in history, whereas Thomas Jefferson warned that eternal vigilance would be our price of preservation... not passive "law abiding" whining with proper etiquette. A conservative personality

does not cut the mustard in an age that is seeing Liberty hanging by its last thread, begging for outspoken champions.

Imagine the confusion in the mind of a young child that has been brought up to think he should be "conservative" while simultaneously being taught to pledge himself to the ideals and activities of absolute *revolutionaries*! And you wonder why the kids of the '60's acted like they did!

Yes, I've heard all the hogwash about being "conservative" referring to the desire to see America *remain* true to it's Constitutional roots. I'd rather call myself an *extremist*! ...perhaps an "American extremist." ...Anything but conservative! That packs enough punch to make the opposition and the fence-sitters take notice and respect you! Even

the "L" word: "liberal," (all it's other socialist, welfare-state connotations aside) implies a gutsy individual who is willing to buck the tide and challenge the status quo.

Better yet, consider Libertarian. The word truly represents what the founders intended America to stand for! ...And it doesn't mean that you've come to automatically accept everything that another individual chooses to do as morally OK; just his *right* to do it... as long as he isn't forcing anyone else into doing, joining, or financially supporting the activity. *That* is American Constitutional freedom!

I believe the time to cut from the chains of the "c" word's implications... and the "R" Party's record, is *now*!

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