

# Supporters seek write-in votes for Brown

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Supporters of Jerry Brown are gearing for an 11th-hour Oregon primary bid which may lure the California governor here for ap-

pearances next week.

Local Democrats John Stewart, Jack Delay and Bill Wooten announced Wednesday the start of a state-wide write-in campaign for Brown at a morning press conference.

Their efforts, they said, will result in victory in the state's May 26 primary.

"We feel the support for the other candidates is very weak," said Scott Bartlett, one of the organizers. "Some of it is declining,

some is in a holding pattern. Because of this, we think Brown can win."

While organizers said they have been "authorized to do what we're doing" by Brown campaign leaders in California, they were unsure over how much outside help they will get.

"Wally McGuire will be delegating authority throughout the state," said Delay. "He will be coming up from California this week."

"Here in Lane County it will be all grass roots. We're asking people in the county to take it upon themselves to help in the campaign."

Delay said the group was "hopeful" that Brown would come to Oregon to aid efforts via personal appearances — possibly next week.

"We don't know for sure right now," said Bartlett. "We're pressing for a visit to Eugene. We presume the national campaign will continue to alert Oregonians to the cause."

Delay, who has been active in Lane County politics, defended the group's last-minute efforts and said it wasn't too late for a write-in campaign.

"We're looking back at the (Jacob) Tanzer write-in two years ago. We think we have a very good chance."

Tanzer narrowly lost in his bid for a state Court of Appeals position in 1974 after a statewide write-in campaign was launched.

Delay also said the write-in effort wasn't organized in response to campaigning by another Lane County resident, Ray Milius of Almadore. Milius has been stumping for Brown in a self-appointed capacity for several weeks.

"All I can say is we now have the authority to start a campaign," Delay said. "The people in California have decided to make a commitment here in Oregon."

The Oregon campaign announcement came on the heels of an endorsement by influential California Assemblyman Willie Brown Tuesday in San Francisco. Brown, who had earlier leaned towards the Carter camp, has been active in California politics.

The governor will receive his first test of the political waters Tuesday in Maryland — where he is listed on the ballot. He is also on the May 25 Nevada ballot and the June 8 California ballot.

## County plans library service

For the average Lane County taxpayer, the money used to buy a paperback book could establish a county-wide cooperative library service, according to proponents of a ballot measure which will go before voters in the May 25 primary election.

The ballot measure is in the form of a proposed four-year serial levy aimed at raising \$347,973 annually. Cost of the cooperative library program would be about 10 cents per \$1,000 of property value. That would amount to about \$2 per year for the owner of a \$20,000 home.

Tax money would go to four services, according to Barbara Mundall, co-chairer of the Citizens for Lane County Libraries.

The county-wide program would provide:

- Borrowing privileges for all county residents at any participating public library, by issuance of a "universal library card." (Presently, there is an \$8 per year charge for non-residents who use the Eugene library.)

- A bookmobile service staffed by a librarian for all areas of Lane County.

- A council of librarians to work on co-operative projects between the libraries.

- A system of inter-library loans for library patrons.

Lane County is one of 13 counties in the state with

no type of co-operative library system, Mundall acknowledges.

"We're talking about service to 90,000 Lane County residents who don't have library service," she said. "In essence, we're talking about extending our service to the rest of the county, and we'll have a better library here, too."

Tax money raised would be broken down three ways. County services and administration would receive 31 per cent of the funds for a bookmobile, a courier van, books and a coordinator. A reimbursement fee of 14 per cent would be provided to each library honoring the universal library card. The remaining 55 per cent would be refunded directly to those jurisdictions that have existing libraries.

Mundall indicated that a demonstration project now serving communities from Florence to Oakridge has shown that there is great demand for a county-wide bookmobile.

She also said there are misconceptions about the form that the library program will take.

"The libraries will remain autonomous. There will not be any control over the seven existing libraries," she said. "They can go on with services exactly as they have been and they'll be able to use tax money raised as they see fit."

## Socialist sees bright future for party

An "economic reorganization of society" is the goal of the Socialist Workers' candidate for vice-president of the United States, Willie Mae Reid, who was on campus Wednesday promoting her campaign. She came here as part of the Black Arts Festival being celebrated on campus this week.

Reid joins Peter Camejo, candidate for President, on the socialist ticket for the general election in November. Reid expects to be on the November ballot in Oregon "by whatever means are most expeditious."

"The prospects for socialism in America have never been better," Reid told a press conference. "I am being victimized, as many others are, for being a woman, a black and a worker. Capitalism can't accommodate the minorities. Corporations won't reduce their profit margin to accomplish this."

Reid said the military budget must be eliminated until forces are brought home and used for civilian projects.

"We must stop funding the military the way it is funded now," said Reid. "Troops must be brought home to solve the problems here."



Willie Mae Reid

"The public does not support our presence abroad. They are there only to guard corporation interests. Under attack, our population would be willing and ready to defend itself."

Reid said that the United States has no need to fear the USSR or China.


"There is no annihilation threat from Russia or China. They are seeking a policy of peaceful co-existence while the United States is working to maintain its position of power around the world."

Reid said the goal of her candidacy and the party is to change how the wealth is distributed in this country.

"The American government existing today, under the Democrats and Republicans, administers an economic system incompatible with human needs."

Originally from Chicago, Reid ran against Richard Daley for mayor in 1974.

"Daley agreed to let me have 2½ per cent of the vote," said Reid.



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