



Laurel Paulson

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Citizens Party nominee blasts both Democrats, Republicans

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What do Democrats and novelist Kurt Vonnegut's Grand Falloons have in common?

They are both "artificial collections of people," according to Laurel Paulson, Citizens Party candidate for District 40 state representative.

Speaking to a Tuesday night audience at the Eugene Public Library, Paulson said the Democratic Party can be compared to the characters in Vonnegut's novel "Cat's Cradle" because the splintered party is no longer cohesive and can't initiate much-needed social, economic and political changes.

"The Democrats have become somewhat hidebound," the Lane Community College financial aid officer said.

The Democratic Party "is essentially an unholy alliance between people with conscience and people with no conscience at all," she said.

Like the Republican Party, the Democrats can't meet the needs of the people because the party has become friends with the big corporations through huge campaign contributions, she added.

"Rather than pay taxes, the corporations run political parties," Paulson said.

"We haven't been bought out. Of course we haven't had any offers yet," Paulson joked.

"But we're not for sale," she said of her party. "We have decided we're going to remain grassroots. That means bake sales, garage sales and peoples' concerts."

Come November, the Citizens Party hopes

its grassroots efforts will win campaigns in Portland, Yamhill County and state House Districts 40 and 44.

As a potential District 40 state representative, Paulson would answer to constituents in neighborhoods to the west, south and east of the University. Democrat Carl Hosticka and Republican Robert O'Reilly are also vying for the seat. Democratic incumbent Margie Hendriksen is running for the Senate seat currently held by Republican George Wingard.

Since the Citizens Party has no ties to big business or other interest groups, Paulson said the party will not hesitate to push bold programs in response to social and economic ills.

Among its many goals, the Citizens Party in Oregon lists "secure funding for public education at all levels," a progressive corporate income tax and the formation of a state bank as high-priority programs.

The party looks to the corporate income tax to ensure "quality education" for all people, Paulson said. The party has also proposed the state bank, workers' cooperatives and state economic programs to stimulate local business and protect homeowners, she added.

Paulson said the Republicans have "signed a death warrant" and that Democrats would probably return to power. But Paulson expressed confidence that her party will become a strong third political force.

Democrats are "kind of playing a waiting game," she said. "They know Reaganomics is failing."

"We're not just sitting around waiting for the other team to fumble."

Child wins chance to travel to USSR

HOLIDAY, Fla. (AP) — Michael Baron's message-in-a-bottle never reached the Soviet Union. But it won the shy 6-year-old the chance to tell Russian schoolchildren in person what it's like to live in the United States.

"I'm runned out of words," the first-grader said on learning of the invitation. "I'm going to take them some McDonald's hamburgers and my Rocky poster. Do they have Buck Rogers on TV over there?"

It was Michael's concern over "too many wars and too much shooting" that prompted him last Monday to pen a message to a Russian "comrade" offering friendship as a substitute for war.

He slipped the note inside a soda bottle, stuffed it with the cork from one of his father's wine bottles, had his grandmother kiss it for good luck and tossed it into Lake Conley near this Gulf Coast town northwest of Tampa.

The bottle traveled about 75 feet before it washed ashore on the land-locked lake three days later. There it was retrieved by a free-lance photographer who

told The Tampa Tribune about the message.

Wayne Smith, founder of an international friendship group whose 350,000 members visit one another's homes around the world, read a newspaper account of Michael's peace-seeking deed and decided to take the grade-schooler along on a trip to the Soviet Union.

"That's a young man who speaks our language. We'd love to have him visit Russia with us to tell the Soviet people all about America," Smith said Monday from the Atlanta headquarters of the Friendship Force.

His father, Tom Baron, 32, an engineer at Honeywell Inc. in Clearwater, will accompany his son.

"This is a great experience for Michael. There's no way I couldn't go," said Baron, whose wife died of cancer five years ago.

Smith, who asked that Michael have a chaperone on the 13-day trip to Helsinki, Finland, and the Soviet cities of Leningrad and Moscow, said the youth and his father could leave from New York on Nov. 5, 12.

Solar series starts today

Presentations on nuclear energy, solar electricity, regional energy planning and geothermal power will highlight the ninth annual Solar Seminar Series, which begins today.

The first of the nine presentations will feature Chris Rathe of Freesol Production Co., Portland, addressing problems in nuclear energy and the need

for alternatives. He speaks at 12:30 p.m. today in the EMU Forum Room.

The seminars, co-sponsored by the University of Oregon Solar Energy Center and the Willamette Valley Solar Energy Association, will run through December and are free to the public.

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About 1,000 lease applications already are pending nationally.

Jackson's bill would establish a permanent ban on leases in existing wilderness areas and extend the moratorium on leasing to areas proposed for wilderness classification.

But McClure has kept the bill bottled up in the Energy Com-

mittee since it was introduced Aug. 3. He allowed a public hearing last week, but said he had trouble with key elements of the legislation.

McClure's position is similar to that of the Reagan administration — that the ban on leases should not extend to lands not yet formally designated as wilderness.

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