

Independent enters race

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Jim Howard, an educator and ordained minister, announced his candidacy for the Fourth District Congressional race at a Tuesday press conference in Eugene. Howard said he is running for the Fourth District seat "so that the Fourth District voters will have a moderate candidate as one of their choices for Congress." He is



running as an independent.

The Democratic incumbent Jim Weaver is a part of the liberal "wing" of the democratic party, according to Howard, and the Republican in the race, Jerry Lausmann, "seems to be a conservative Republican, although he doesn't mention specifics very much."

Tonie Nathan, another independent in the Fourth District race, "is running as a part of the Libertarian party, which is a 'far-out' group," Howard said.

"I am the only moderate, middle of the road candidate in the race," Howard said.

Howard said he wants to represent the voters rather than himself. To do this, he said he would "like to have more paid staff residing in the Fourth District and fewer in Washington, D.C." Howard said he would also solicit voters' opinions on issues, and this input would "almost always determine" his vote.

"The only exception is that I will always stand against abortion despite opinion," Howard said.

Regarding the other issues in the race, Howard said he favors the practice of clearcutting in Oregon. He said he believes that if limits were placed on clearcutting, it would "hurt the little guy." Large corporations own their own land, claims Howard, and would therefore be free of federal limits. Howard also said that clearcutting al-

lows replanted trees to grow faster since they are not shielded from the sun by other trees.

Howard said he opposes gun control because "it is a violation of personal rights," but he added that if crime statistics rise further, he may change his position on this issue.

Howard said he does favor the death penalty, but only for persons convicted of a second homicide. He said he favors long prison terms for the first homicide.

On the energy issue, Howard said he believes solar, wind and other alternative forms of energy should be researched. He added, however, that until these power sources are more feasible, the country should "transfer its energy dependence from oil to coal," because of the coal resources available.

Howard said he believes the government should be "streamlined." To accomplish this, he said he would favor the zero based budget plans, which would start programs from nothing each year instead of from the budget of the previous year. He also suggested that private companies could be contracted to "help the government operate more efficiently," since businesses have "better management techniques."

I have a lot of hope for this country," said Howard. "I think a lot of creative things can be done for the country."

Jury indicts oil companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven independent oil companies were indicted Tuesday on federal charges of illegally fixing the price of gasoline they sell in Middle Atlantic states.

The indictment, returned by a grand jury in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, also named as defendants the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America and its executive director, Robert Cavin, and officials of three of the

oil companies.

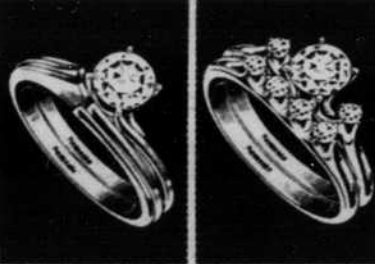
The indictment charged that the trade association, the companies and the individuals conspired from 1967 to November 1974 to fix the price of gasoline sold at independent stations under a variety of names.

The effect was to raise gas prices to "artificial and noncompetitive levels" in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and

the District of Columbia, the indictment said.

Each company and the association faces a maximum fine of \$50,000 if convicted. Each individual could be fined \$50,000 and sentenced to one year in prison.

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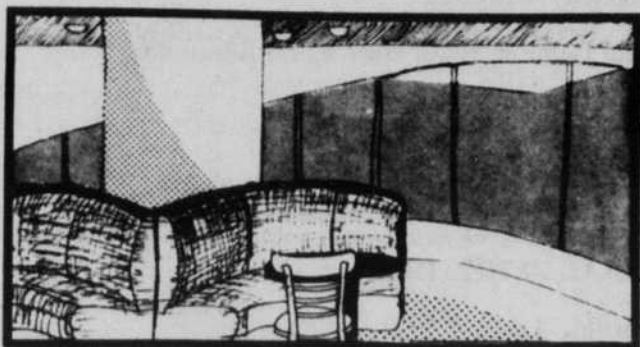
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