

Candidate favors gambling, death penalty

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Marv Hollingsworth, democratic candidate for governor, told a luncheon meeting of the Demo

Forum Monday that property tax is his number one campaign issue and he is running with a slogan of "less government."

Hollingsworth, a former state representative, favors using re-

venues from state-controlled gambling casinos and horse and dog race betting to pay for school financing in Oregon.

"Eighty per cent of property tax goes for schools," he said. He

claimed that using gambling to finance education would "almost eliminate residential property tax."

Hollingsworth and his wife have been conducting what he calls an "old fashioned grass roots campaign." He said he has been traveling throughout the state since April just "listening to people."

"What I've found is that people have come to hate — now that's a strong word but I'll use it — politicians. They are desperately looking for some new leadership." He said Oregonians are unhappy with Gov. Bob Straub's performance and "if there isn't a change, there's going to be a revolution."

Hollingsworth favors the return of the death penalty in cases of aggravated, pre-meditated murders. The native Portlander and criminal defense lawyer said he is tired of a known felon "getting his hands slapped in court and being put on probation." According to a campaign poll 90 per cent of

Oregonians agree with him on this issue, he said.

Hollingsworth is against nuclear power, not because it might be hazardous, but because he doesn't like the rate-payers paying for it.

"I'd fire Charles Davis (Oregon's public utilities commissioner) the first day in office," he said. "They (public utilities) are milking the community of millions of dollars to pay for nuclear power."

Instead, he favors increasing hydro-electric resources in the state, using more dams for producing power.

Asked about his stand on legalizing marijuana, he said he is against legalizing marijuana, because in his work with drug-users he has found all of them started out with marijuana.

Hollingsworth spoke out against gun control, for abolishing the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and for local decisions on land-use planning issues.

Vets must apply to get benefits after discharge status change

Veterans who have recently had their discharges upgraded will have to re-apply to the Special Discharge Review Board to receive their Veterans Administration (VA) benefits halted by a Senate bill last October.

According to Ron Daley of the Military and Veterans Counseling Center in Portland, the Senate bill signed by Pres. Carter discontinued all automatic VA benefits given to vets who had their discharges upgraded from undesirable to general or honorable discharges by the earlier Discharge Review Board.

In order to receive the benefits, veterans must file applications for a second review with the Department of Defense (DOD) and appear personally before a review board of DOD, according to Daley.

In response to this, the Portland counseling center has set up a special discharge review project to help vets file their applications and to provide them with a counselor when they appear before the review board.

Vets have until October 8 to file their applications for review.

Daley says there are some 490,000 eligible vets who could

get their discharges reviewed, including vets who didn't apply the first time. Of those vets who applied for discharge review, about 16,000, or four per cent of those eligible received upgrades.

Daley notes that only about 62,000 of those eligible applied for review. "Many didn't apply because of confusion and lack of advertising, because of Pentagon cutbacks."

Even though, four per cent of the vets received upgraded discharges, Daley says the majority of these applicants would pass the second review board.

Cash owed to unlocated people

Nearly a hundred persons whose last known addresses were in the Eugene-Springfield area have some money coming to them from the federal government, but the government hasn't been able to locate them.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage-Hour Division is holding \$27,680 for 530 "unlocated individuals" whose last known addresses were in the state of Oregon.

Ralph Knite of the Portland division office, explains the money represents back wages owed to individuals in minimum wage and overtime cases relating to the federal Fair Labor Standard Act.

Knite says the department regularly investigates wage complaints and routinely checks businesses and employers to see if they are complying with federal wage standards.

"Sometimes we find that back wages are owed employees and there are always a few individuals who have since quit the company and we are unable to locate," Knite says.

He says the department compiles a list of the unlocated persons and publishes the list about every six months.

Loren Gilbert, the department's Northwest assistant regional administrator for wage-hour, notes that the money can only be held by the department for three years from the date of recovery. If unclaimed, the money is forwarded to the U.S. Treasury or returned to the affected employer, depending on the circumstances of the recovery.

Individuals who want to check to see if their names are on the list may call the Eugene Office of the federal Wage-Hour Division at 687-6447.

New option for support-payers

Under the provisions of a new state law, persons who make support payments to ex-spouses and children may now make the payments directly to a bank or other financial institution, instead of to the court.

Mike Terry, Lane County court administrator, warns, however, that persons paying support must make arrangements with the court if they want to use the direct payment method.

The new law, which became effective Jan. 1, allows a person required to make support payments to pay directly into a checking account in the name of the person receiving the support.

Terry says those eligible to use the direct payment method can comply with the new law by filing a signed agreement with the Clerk

of the Court and furnishing the clerk with a receipt of deposit 10 days after payment is due.

The agreement must be signed by both parties, must state the name of the financial institution where the direct payment account is established and must list the account number.

If the receipt is not on an approved form the clerk will not accept it as proof of deposit.

Terry says persons paying support may continue to make the payments directly to the court if they do not wish to use the new method.

According to Terry, persons who are currently receiving public assistance or have received public assistance in the past are not eligible to use the direct payment

method to receive support.

Information packets, receipts and agreement forms are available, free of charge, at the clerk's office, second floor, Lane County Courthouse.

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