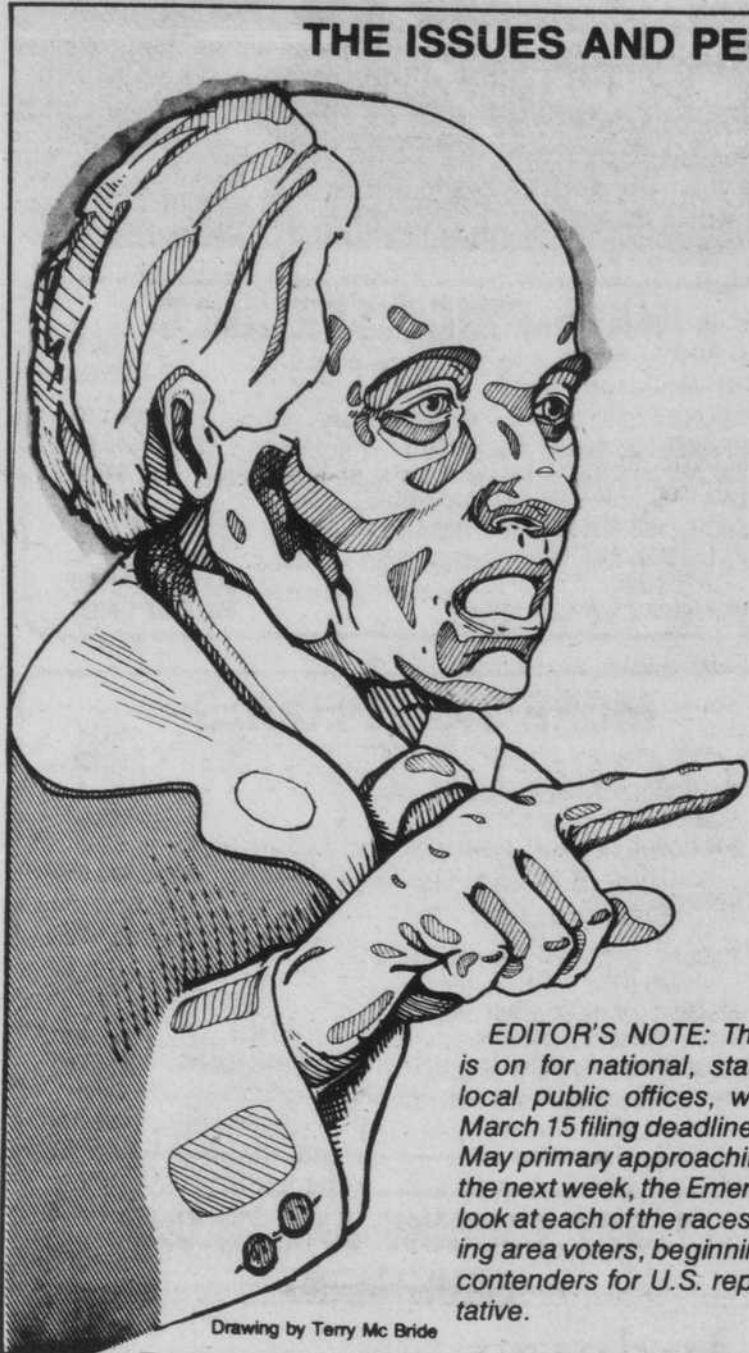


Five vie for Fourth District position

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The race is on for national, state and local public offices, with the March 15 filing deadline for the May primary approaching. For the next week, the Emerald will look at each of the races affecting area voters, beginning with contenders for U.S. representative.

Five persons have currently filed to run for the Fourth District of the U.S. House of Representatives, including the incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver. Four of these will face off in the May primaries to decide who will represent their parties in the fall election.

The two Democrats, Weaver and Jonathan Bates, and the last two Republicans, William Anderson and Jerry Lausmann, will be fighting in the primaries while the fifth candidate, Independent Pete Applegate, will only be involved in the final election.

Campaign aids for Weaver say the Congressman will stress his achievements during his past four years in office, such as improving economic development in the region, and his stands on the lumber issues.

Joe Rutledge, a representative for Weaver, says, "Weaver is working for expansion of educational funding and direct loans."

Rutledge adds Weaver has not yet taken a stand on Sen. Bob Packwood's education bill but is currently studying it.

Weaver's Democratic contender, Jonathan Bates, says he is aiming his campaign mainly at the middle income working person, including students and retired people.

Bates is also in favor of financial aid to students and is mainly interested in helping reduce the costs of education for middle income families through aid.

Thus far candidates have hit upon the area's job situation and have hinted at their solutions for it. Republicans Lausmann and Anderson have said the tax dollars Oregonians pay should be kept at home.

Bates said better timber management and other clean industries would alleviate the problem. Weaver representatives have talked of federal forestry jobs and job development in other fields.

All agree they will work on creating a healthy economic climate for the current job situation.

At this point in the campaign, the main issues are jobs and government responsibility, according to the candidates.

Lane Easter Seal Society plans fund-raising events

By LAURY MASHER
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Members of the Lane County 1978 Easter Seal Campaign Committee have scheduled a series of fund-raising events for handicapped children.

Robert Derickson, director of the campaign committee, says all proceeds are aimed at supporting the Easter Seal School and Treatment Center located in

Eugene. The school is subsidized by the State Easter Seal Society.

Events include coffee day, a kick-off dance and the annual Easter Seal Telethon.

Beginning today, "Brace a Child Buttons" will be sold for \$1. Then, on March 10, all owners of "Brace a Child Buttons" will be entitled to drink coffee at all participating restaurants and taverns located in Eugene and Springfield.

"Last year we raised \$1,000 on coffee day," says Derickson. "This year we're hoping to double that."

A kick-off dance, including a champagne dinner, floor show and dancing is slated for March 19. Tickets will sell for \$12.50 per person and \$25 a couple. No location has been set.

The largest fund-raising event is the annual Easter Seal Telethon scheduled for April 1 and 2. Hosts for the telethon will be Jack Klugman of the television series, the "Odd Couple," and local resident Gordon Bussy.

The telethon will be covered live by KVAL-TV from 8 p.m. Saturday April 1, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, says Derickson.

He says the telethon will include message pleas to people for money and support, but will also involve entertainment by local residents and well known television stars.

"Our goal for the telethon is the culmination of all these other things put together, plus giving the

people of the area a chance for entertainment and to make a pledge," says Derickson.

Local entertainment packages are now being formed.

Television entertainers who participated in last year's telethon were Michael Landon, Geraldo Rivera, Chevy Chase, Telly Sevalas and Cindy Williams. "I'm assuming they will be the same as they were last year," says Derickson.

Derickson says that 96 cents of every dollar given to the Oregon Easter Seal Society stays in Oregon. "It may not stay in Eugene," says Derickson, "but the Eugene Easter Seal School and Treatment Center receives money for home services, equipment, physical therapy or anything that has to do with handicaps," says Derickson.

About \$8,000 has already been raised this year at disco/dance marathon held January 28-29 at the Eugene Armory.

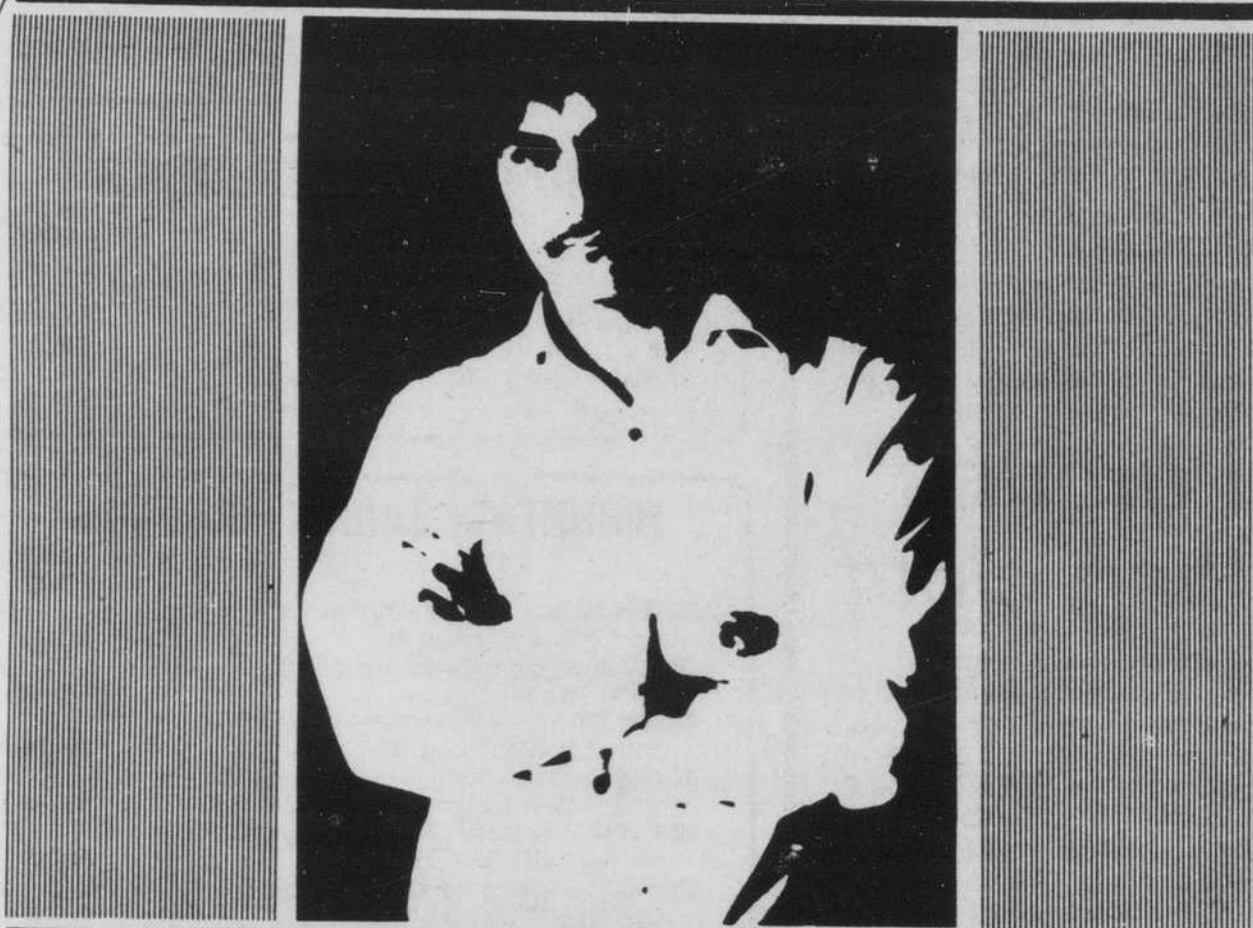
Other local members of the committee include Gordon Bussy, Dennis Celorie, Roy Cordell, Bill Daugherty, Rosmarie Hazen, Brian Krog, Wilson Muhlheim and Rondon, member of the KVAL staff.

Derickson says people could help the campaign by becoming involved.

Tickets for all fund-raising events are available through the Eugene Easter Seal School, 3575 Donald or by calling 344-2247.

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