

Primaries feature intriguing races

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Although many state primary candidates are unopposed, several close races will be decided Tuesday:

The Democratic contest to decide who will battle Gov. Vic Atiyeh in the November general election (Atiyeh is expected to win the Republican primary), the Democratic race for labor commissioner, the six-person race for the non-partisan superintendent of public instruction, Sam Dominy's challenge to Democratic incumbent Peg Jolin in House District 44, and the Democratic race between Larry Hill and Bill Morrisette in House District 42.

Multnomah County Executive Don Clark, State Sen. Ted Kulongoski, and Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust are the chief contenders for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. (See pages 8-9 for profiles)

Other Democrats running for governor are:

Steve Anderson. A lawyer from Salem, he has no prior governmental experience. But he has served on the state Common Cause executive board and as Marion County Democratic Chairman. He says he would appoint a public utility commissioner ("like John Bartels, for instance") who would serve the public interest.

E. Allen (Al) Propst. A semi-retired businessman from Albany, Propst says his experience makes him the best candidate to get Oregon's economy moving. A graduate of Albany High School, he has taken courses at Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon State University. Propst's answers to inflation include, "Award the Federal Reserve (dominated by world bankers) the national debt. Petition Congress to take control of currency and not print over-valued paper."

Stan Terry. He is owner and manager of the Portland Meadows golf course and driving range. He would support abolishing the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, advocate eliminating the Metropolitan Service District in the Portland area, and push for the creation of a state lottery to "help education, the handicapped, city and county governments, county fairs and other bodies that are short of cash money."

Archie Weinstein. A former Lane County Commissioner (1977-81), he says he would try to limit legislative sessions to 90 days, support bringing back the death penalty and advocate returning land use planning to the county level.

M.A. "Cap" Yegge. No information available.

In the Democratic race for labor commissioner, incumbent **Mary Roberts**



Gov. Vic Atiyeh



Rep. Margie Hendriksen



Sen. Ed Fadeley

faces a stiff challenge from **Rep. Jim Chrest** of Portland.

Chrest claims Roberts failed to take "a leadership role in promoting economic development," while viewing her job as merely administrative. He is chairman of the House Labor Committee, and has won endorsements from the state AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education and the Teamsters union.

But he must overcome a missed deadline by an advertising consultant which resulted in his photograph and statement being excluded from the state voter's pamphlet.

Roberts counters Chrest by saying that although promoting economic development is not part of her job, she has worked to improve the economy — both in her office and as a member of the Democratic National Committee's Panel on Economic Growth.

She hasn't run around holding press conferences on a state lottery, like Chrest, Roberts says. "I don't have anything to be ashamed of. I've taken an agency that was a mess and reformed it," she adds.

Anne Stegen, a third Democratic candidate for the labor post, sent the state elections office a letter on April 15 withdrawing from the race. But she missed the deadline to have her name removed from the ballot, so her name will still appear there despite her withdrawal.

In the non-partisan six-way race for superintendent of public instruction, the candidates are:

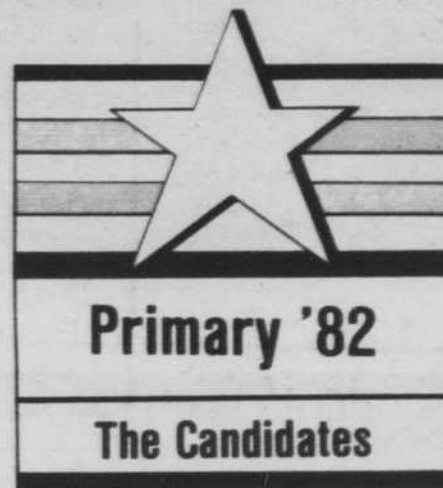
Verne Duncan. He's the incumbent, a former University professor and former member of the Idaho House of Representatives. Duncan emphasizes basic skills in early grades, a higher level of state school support to ease the property tax burden and the strengthening of graduation requirements.

Lydia Pat Graham. She is a math department head and chairer of the State Textbook Commission.

Bill Kendrick. He is the superintendent

of the Salem public schools and chairer of the National Community Education Advisory Council. "Education is facing the same obstacles as businesses in the private sector; it must operate as a successful business," he says.

Eugene Lehman. A substitute teacher, Lehman is running "because I believe no other candidates will question the two basic premises of our education system: government control and tax financing," he says. Lehman questions compulsory attendance, taxation to support a "grossly inefficient and bureaucratically insensitive" government school system, grading and the legislation of minimum competencies.



Rod Monroe. State Democratic senator from Portland and former vice-chairer of the House Revenue and School Finance Committee. Monroe claims that — under the present superintendent — Oregon's dropout rate has "soared to one of the highest in the nation." Monroe emphasizes the detection of learning problems in the primary grades.

Jack Reynolds. A small businessman, Reynolds says "if we care about our children, and our nation's future, we must put Bible teaching back in our schools."

The Democratic battle between

Weyerhaeuser forklift operator **Sam Dominy** and incumbent **Rep. Peg Jolin** has District 44 fired up.

"I am running as a real Democrat, a labor Democrat and a supporter of the goals and principles of the Democratic Party," Dominy says. "The incumbent has one of the worst voting records of any Democrat on issues of concern to labor and to senior citizens." He is chairer of the Lane Coalition to Save Jobs.

She has been "sensitive to the needs of workers, farmers, the retired and business people," reads her statement in the voter's pamphlet. "Peg Jolin received a 100 rating for her support of small business. Peg successfully passed her major One-Stop Permit Bill, making it easier for new business to get started."

House District 42 has **Larry Hill** campaigning against **Bill Morrisette** for the Democratic nomination.

Hill is a millworker with the Nicolai Co. in Springfield, but his community experience includes membership on the executive board of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers Local 3035, member of the Lane Economic Foundation board of directors and co-founder of the East Kelly Butte Neighborhood Association.

He wants the state's income tax revised so it is based on ability to pay, small energy projects emphasized, the expansion of hardwood manufacturing and more intensive management of forests.

Morrisette, a Springfield High School teacher, wants to require public utilities to seek voter approval before making "excessive" investments, and emphasizes small business as the key to Oregon's economic recovery.

He is a former chairer of the Lane County Democratic Party, former president of the Springfield Education Association, and former chairer of Citizens for Progressive Springfield City Government.

In the Republican race for the gubernatorial nomination, incumbent **Atiyeh** is challenged by **Bruce Broussard, Walter Huss, Cliff Everett,** and **John Michael Wiley Todd.** Atiyeh is expected to win handily.

Republicans running for labor commissioner are **Sherry Reynolds** and **Mike Wooton.** Reynolds, a counselor and former precinct committeewoman, says, "our economic crisis is caused by a spiritual crisis brought about by our disregard for God's commandments." Wooton, business representative and financial secretary for Carpenters Local 1961, says he would streamline claims processing in the wage and hour and civil rights divisions and he would take an active part in diversifying the state's economy.

U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver is expected to easily defeat **Gene Arvidson** for the Democratic nomination in the 4th Congressional District. Arvidson has reported contributions and expenditures less than \$500.

Unopposed candidates in the state primary include:

Ed Fadeley, Democrat, Senate District 21.

Margie Hendriksen, Democrat, House District 40.

Grattan Kerans, Democrat, House District 39.

Elections official offers advice

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It's not too late to register to vote in the primary election Tuesday, but David Spriggs of the Lane County Elections Division warns students that waiting until the last minute to register may mean waiting in long lines in the downtown elections office.

"You can register up to and including 8 a.m. on the day of the primary, but usually there are long lines," Spriggs says. He emphasizes that to register on the day of the election one has to register at the downtown elections office at 135 E. 6th Street.

It's already too late to file for an absentee ballot or to change party affiliation, Spriggs says. The deadline for filing for an absentee ballot in Lane county was last week, and state law specifies that a person must change party affiliation at least 20 days before the primary in order to vote on partisan

elections of their new affiliation.

Lane county election officials are expecting a moderate turnout Tuesday.

"There is a lack of hot races on the ballot this year," Spriggs says. In past years the primary election turnout has hovered around 50 percent, he says.

The University precinct has a notoriously low turnout, Spriggs says, pointing out that Lane County's turnout was 77 percent while the University precinct had 58 percent participation.

In fact, Spriggs says, "the University precinct has the lowest turnout in Lane County." Other areas of poor turnout include the precincts near the Westmoreland student housing area on West 18th Street.

Spriggs warns foreign students that they should not register to vote due to the fact that it is illegal and can become a serious problem.

"Immigration officials frown on this matter and even deportation can re-

sult," Spriggs says. As a rule of thumb election officials ask for identification from registrants they perceive as possibly being foreign.

Students who believe that they do not have to vote because of a move from, for example, one apartment to another in the same complex are wrong, Spriggs says. "You must reregister if your address changes for any reason," he says.

At the University precinct, voting booths will be located in the EMU. Spriggs says that dormitory residents will vote in the EMU, as no separate precincts will be established for residence halls. Polls are will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The University precinct is bounded on the north by Franklin Boulevard, on the west by Kincaid Street, on the south by 18th Street, and on the east by Moss Street. From Agate Street to Moss Street, 17th Street also falls into the University precinct.