

## In 4th District race vote for Weaver

This year's race for the 4th District seat in the House of Representatives is not as clear-cut as it has been in the past. In fact, Jim Weaver and his Republican challenger, Bruce Long, share a number of political similarities.

Both are concerned about the environment and the economy. Weaver is a long-time congressional advocate for wilderness protection. Long, if elected, says he would fight for a national reforestation program that would charge a nominal fee of \$1 for every 1000 board feet of public timber sold to go towards promoting reforestation on private wood lots. Both candidates also favor plans to simplify the federal tax system by eliminating deductions and the complicated rate schedule currently used.

Despite some of these similarities, and the fact that both candidates have impressive political backgrounds, it is Weaver and not Long who has the experience and political strength to represent the 4th District with continued success.

Long knows local politics well, and has the potential to do a good job representing the 4th District. But in terms of congressional experience and foreign policy outlook, Long differs greatly from Weaver.

Long's passing remark during an Emerald interview that Argentina is a country going communist shows a clear lack of knowledge of Latin American politics. He also favors continued military aid to the Contras fighting to overthrow the government of Nicaragua until "free elections" are held by the Sandinistas. Weaver strongly opposes any aid to the Contras.

Long has criticized Weaver as an abrasive and non-compromising politician. While it is true that legislators must learn to compromise in order to get their own bills passed, Weaver's strong stand on controversial issues has been one of his biggest assets. We feel that Long would lack the ability to stand firm on important issues like limiting defense spending and cutting back on U.S. military involvement in Central America.

In response to being called abrasive, Weaver says, "I'm abrasive only when people are hiding the truth and not dealing with the issues." He demonstrated this well when he took a stand against the Washington Public Power Supply nuclear power program at a time when a majority of local politicians disagreed with him. While Long has good potential to represent the 4th District, we feel that Weaver's long-time congressional experience and his firm knowledge of important issues facing Oregon and the nation make him the right choice on Nov. 6.

## Measure 1 offers good revisions for a recall

The bottom line with Ballot Measure 1 is this: It would not violate the intent or the substance of Oregon's recall procedure.

The purpose of Measure 1 is to make the recall procedure more efficient and representative as a whole. Currently, the procedure states that the minimum number of signatures on a recall petition must be equal to at least 25 percent of the most recent vote for a supreme court justice in the jurisdiction in which the recall is being attempted.

Measure 1 would change the number to 15 percent of the most recent recall for governor. The reason for this is because the number of people voting for governor is usually higher than the number voting for a supreme court justice. Thus, the trade off is a larger voter base for a lower signature percentage.

Measure 1 would also increase the time for a special recall election from 20 days to 35 days. In the past, the 20 day period has proved to be too short for local election offices to organize an effective recall election.

There is no widely organized opposition to Measure 1 for the specific reason that it is a good idea. Vote yes on 1.

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## letters

### Think first

- Guess who:
- Signed the first abortion bill in America as governor.
  - Said, "The United States has much to offer THE THIRD WORLD WAR."
  - Falls asleep in cabinet meetings.
  - Has been endorsed by the Ku Klux Klux.
  - Didn't know heavy land based missiles were on the land.
  - Took responsibility for 262 Americans killed in Beirut and then said, "Anyone that's ever had their kitchen done over knows that it never gets done as soon as you wish it would."
  - Promised a balanced budget but instead gave us a \$800 billion debt. That's \$3200 per person and growing.
  - Proposed a \$20 million cut in Medicare after saying he had no plans to do so.
  - Told school children ketchup is a vegetable.
  - Worked to repeal the Child Abuse and Sex Abuse Act.
  - Proposed federal housing cuts for the elderly.
  - Cut education for nearly everyone.
- If you answered Ronald Reagan, you're right. But if you still think you're better off today than four years ago, consider the following:

Increase in gross national product during administration — Carter 13.6 percent, Reagan 10.3 percent.  
 25 year fixed home mortgage rate — average — Carter 10.6 percent, Reagan 13.9 percent, Peak — Carter 14.5 percent, Reagan 16.3 percent.  
 Unemployment Rate — Carter

6.4 percent, average. Unemployed at the end of term, 7.6 million. Reagan 8.6 percent, average. Unemployed in Sept. 8.5 million.  
 Poverty — Carter 13 percent below poverty line at end of administration. Reagan 15.2 percent below poverty line in 1983.  
 Anyone can deliver one liners. Before you vote check out what you're NOT being told.

Jennifer Jewett  
Eugene

### Be unselfish

People in the United States are being challenged on Nov. 6 to be unselfish. As the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world, we have a responsibility not only to our own people but to people around the globe to vote with compassion and with respect for human dignity. It is difficult to look beyond our own personal economic needs. Why should we be concerned that, in the U.S. today, more and more people are dropping into poverty, most of them women and children. Why, all the indicators show that the economy is getting stronger.

And, you say, look at how global respect for the U.S. has grown. But have we gained the respect borne of trust and as a representative of freedom, or that of fear and envy? Are we showing the world that we believe in human rights for everybody? Does this government act with stewardship for the natural environment, for this and future generations?

When you go to the polls to

vote, go with compassion. Don't let the world continue to be subjected to the close-minded nationalism and policies of fear that have characterized the past four years. Don't make the poor and the children of Oregon bear the brunt of property tax cuts. Be creative. Look beyond yourself. Vote.

Diane Hollister  
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### Dedicated folks

Last week I was passing by the library and noticed the marching band practicing on the football field outside the music school. It was pouring rain, and the field was more mud than grass. It was quite an inspiration to see the enthusiasm that they all had. I stopped to talk to one of them, and was surprised to find out that the band members put in an average of ten hours a week working on their show.

At the Washington/UO game in Seattle, even though the Oregon team didn't win, the band sure did. Their half-time show over-shadowed the much higher-budgetted Washington band to such a degree that I wonder why they don't get as much support from their home crowd.

It seems strange to me that Washington's crowd cheered louder for our marching band than Oregon fans do. I think it's time the Oregon crowd realized what a good job the marching band is doing.

Kevin Kendrick  
Business

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