

Candidates run for senates

Hopefuls offer wide selection

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Candidates holding views ranging from a ban on log exports to drug decriminalization will compete for four state Senate spots and one U.S. Senate seat in today's primary election.

Democrat Grattan Kerans is the 20th district state senator incumbent, representing Eugene. He will challenge the Republican nominee in November's general election.

Kerans is chair of the state labor committee and has support-

nation to the 20th district spot of the Oregon Senate.

Swan is committed to higher education as well as elementary and secondary education. He also "will fight for reform in workers' compensation laws, anti-economic legislation and special interest bills that have strangled the Oregon economy and cost us jobs," according to his campaign statement.

Green said: "The issues in the upcoming general election are not between Democrats, independents and Republicans but between average citizens that are ignored and special interest groups that are being served." His priorities include reducing property taxes and bringing environmentally safe employers to the state.

Peterson offers a "gentle, effective approach" that includes taxing field burning industries to provide incentives for smoke reductions and for implementing alternative methods. His first priority is pushing for 50 percent funding of primary and secondary education.

In the U.S. Senate race, Sen. Mark Hatfield is challenged only by Republican Randy Prince.

Prince is a local activist who ran for Eugene mayor in 1988. His stance on the state's timber industry is radically different from Hatfield's. Timber harvest fees can fund incentives for creating new wood processing jobs, Prince said.

Democratic candidates for

U.S. Senate are Harry Lonsdale, Steve Anderson, Neale Hyatt, Bob Reuschlein and Brooks Washburne.

Lonsdale is chair of the governor's science council. He supports a ban on all log exports and creation of other timber-related jobs in the wood products industry. He also supports freedom of choice on the abortion issue.

Anderson ran in 1966 and in 1978 for the U.S. Senate seat. He opposes a state sales tax and supports heavy taxes for larger estates. "Am I the only politician with courage to tax the rich?" he asked in his campaign statement. He also is a pro-choice candidate.

Hyatt proposes a 12 percent annual reduction in defense spending over the next four years, accompanied by increases in education spending. In addition, he calls for selective-cut, sustained-yield timber harvest and agreement with environmental groups that public lands must continue to provide timber.

Reuschlein, a peace activist and former University instructor, said military spending has damaged the state economy, and he supports an end to military buildup. In addition, he supports abortion rights and decriminalization of drugs.

Washburne, a retired truck driver, has a number of goals including using offshore oil drilling to finance education, and cleaning Johnson Creek and the Tualatin River.

Mine offers profits, prompts concerns

[AP] — A Malheur County official is looking forward to development of the Grassy Mountain gold mine as a mother lode of jobs for the sparsely settled high desert of Eastern Oregon.

But environmentalists fear the payoff will come at the cost of gaping scars on the broad landscape.

Last week, Atlas Corp. of Denver announced plans to get the permits necessary to develop the Grassy Mountain Mine, which would be Oregon's biggest gold mine if it meets expectations.

An economic feasibility study suggests the site 25 miles south of Vale holds \$296 million in gold and \$4 million in silver at current prices.

Atlas spokeswoman Nancy Raeside said the mine is expected to produce 100,000 ounces each of gold and silver annually for at least eight years.

The mine would provide 190 full-time jobs and an annual payroll of \$6 million.

Founded in 1923, Atlas has invested \$5.4 million in exploration and expects to spend nearly \$80 million to go into full development, she said.

Atlas hopes to be able to go through the regulatory process in 18 months, allow-

ing development to begin in 1992 and the first gold and silver to be extracted by early 1993.

Maxwell Lieurance, chairman of Malheur County's board of commissioners, said that would give a welcome boost to the ailing agricultural economy.

"I think a company like Atlas and the other agencies that will be involved will do a good job of reclamation and not just leave an eyesore out there, which is worrying some people," Lieurance said.

Stuart Garrett, a Bend physician and president of the Oregon Native Plant Society, said the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries would have a hard time keeping up with the gold mining boom that could be developing.

State officials have identified 15 sites with good gold potential in Malheur County and the region bounded by Jordan Valley, Burns, Burns Junction and Weiser, Idaho may have two dozen sites.

"The mining reclamation laws for the state have not been updated adequately to deal with these mines. There's no guaranteed protection for water and wildlife resources," Garrett said.



ed a new state minimum wage, pregnancy leave and employee privacy rights. He has supported environmental legislation, including authoring a state law that requires the recycling of chlorofluorocarbons in automobile air conditioners. In addition, he vows to work for clean air, on-the-job safety and monitoring pesticides in foods.

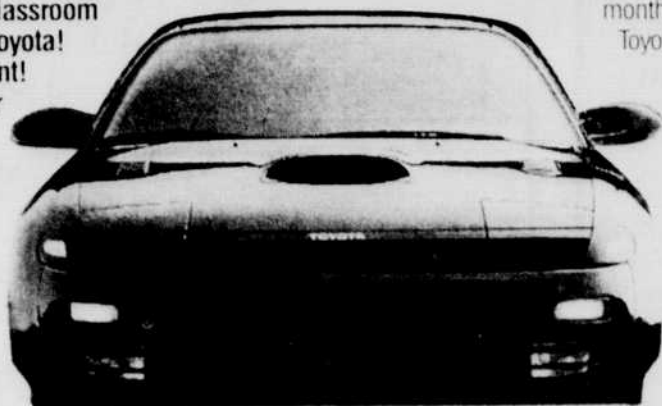
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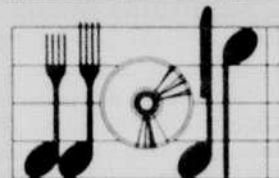


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