

Lonsdale favors log export ban

□ Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate says jobs and forests can be preserved

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Oregon's timber jobs and old-growth forests can both be preserved by banning raw log exports, Harry Lonsdale said in an Earth Day address Wednesday.

"The politicians have held us hostage by asking us to choose between our timber jobs and our quality of life, and it doesn't have to be that way," said Lonsdale, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

The key, he said, is an economic transition that would move more timber workers into secondary wood-products jobs building modular homes, doors, window frames, desks and chairs to be sold abroad in place of raw timber.

"A healthy environment is just plain good business," Lonsdale said.

Lonsdale said private companies such as Weyerhaeuser must be stopped from selling timber overseas, which forces them to contribute to overcutting public lands to feed domestic mills.

Lonsdale, who hopes to run against Republican Sen. Bob Packwood in the fall, said it's time for Oregon's environmental activists and timber workers to unite.

"We are now a state divided," he said. "We must embrace our unity of purpose."

The Bend businessman hopes to beat Rep. Les AuCoin in the May 19 primary. An early April poll in *The Oregonian* showed the two in a virtual tie in the primary, with both running ahead of Packwood.

Tax lawyer Joe Wetzel and unemployed timber worker Bob Bell are also competing in the



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Lonsdale also promoted his plan of creating a national "Earth Corps," which would act as an environmental version of the Peace Corps. Participants could earn college tuition credit, or a modest wage, for replanting trees, fixing up old homes in the cities, or building campground trails.

In keeping with the environmental themes of Earth Day and his campaign, Lonsdale said fuel efficiency standards should be raised 40 percent from the current 27 miles per gallon and an excise tax should be imposed on gas-guzzling cars.

Lonsdale also said he promotes cutting defense spending by up to 50 percent over five years. He said any more would

bankrupt a lot of American towns. AuCoin favors a decrease of 60 percent over five years.

Many of the engineers and scientists currently employed in the defense industry could be put to work developing renewable energy sources and other high-tech industries to help the United States become more internationally competitive, Lonsdale said.

Other defense workers could find work building and operating high-speed trains, rail systems and buses to strengthen the country's use of mass transit.

Responding to a question about Measure 5, Lonsdale said it was a request for smaller government, which he supports, but hasn't been handled well by state government.

"The last place we should cut is education," Lonsdale said. "The government should be paying more for education."

Lonsdale said with many senators dropping out of the race or facing defeat in the fall, 1992 "will be a year of awakening, a year of change for our country."

Lonsdale said most politicians in Washington know what the right thing to do is, "but they put their own re-elections in place of the good of the country."

Lonsdale said he favors term limitations but thinks an even more important issue is getting political action money out of politics.

"The best way to do that is to provide free television time for qualified candidates," he said.

Lonsdale said, only half-joking, that with the current political inaction and PAC money influencing politicians, the first 535 people taken off the street "would probably do a better job" running the country.

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department April 13-20.

• Police are looking for a man who is linked with two public indecencies that occurred April 17, according to police reports.

In the first public indecency, a 32-year-old University student said she was in Pioneer Cemetery taking pictures when she noticed a man running up behind her, police said.

The man ran to a point about 10 feet away from her and stopped, police said. She said she turned and looked at the suspect and then continued walking.

The woman said the man had an "urgent" look on his face and was making some type of gesture, which she could not recall, police said. The suspect then ran up to within five feet of the woman. She said he had the same "urgent" look on his face and was gesturing as if to get her attention. She said she looked at the suspect and then realized he was exposing and fondling himself.

The woman yelled at him to go away, police said. The suspect then lunged at her and grabbed her left arm. She said she began screaming and the suspect grabbed her left breast and squeezed it hard. He then let her go and ran east through the cemetery.

In the second public indecency, a 21-year-old University student said she was walking west on E. 15th Avenue on the south sidewalk when she saw the suspect walking toward her and exposing himself. He didn't say anything. She said she immediately crossed the street.

Both women told EPD they thought they could identify the suspect if they saw him again, police said. The women described the suspect as a white male with bushy, wavy brown hair down to his collar. The women said the man was between 18 and 25 years old and didn't wear glasses. He was last seen wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans.

• A 21-year-old man was arrested April 18 on a noise disturbance, according to police reports.

Two officers were dispatched to the area of the 700th block of 18th Avenue in response to a complaint that someone was playing drums, police said. An officer followed the noise to its source at a house on the 1600 block of Alder Street.

An officer asked a person at the house to get the person playing the drums, police said. The police arrested the man playing the drums on a noise disturbance charge.

• A group of men standing outside a fraternity house harassed a 19-year-old University student who was walking by on April 17, according to police reports.

The woman said she was walking to the library eastbound on 15th Avenue when she approached the corner of 15th Avenue and Kincaid Street, police said. The men were standing on the front porch of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house, 1472 Kincaid St. The men verbally harassed the woman when she walked by and harassed her again when she walked home 20 minutes later.

The men's comments included asking the woman if she would like to perform oral sex on them, police said.

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