

## Speak Out: primary edition

only of seeing more women, people of color and sexual minorities on the council; I also speak of seeing more geographic and economic diversity.

By voting yes on Measure 26-30 we will have a greater opportunity to see more members of our community serve us in City Hall and have easier access to our elected officials when we want to have our voices heard.

JUSTIN CLARK  
Portland

### Vote for Robinson

TO THE EDITOR:

Ballot measures are the most direct assault on sexual minorities in Oregon. However, every election is important, and every elected official either helps or hinders our progress.

With the primary only weeks away, we urge you to think carefully about every race and cast your vote for people who will be committed to making a hate-free Oregon. One such race is the campaign for House District 33, which includes all of Northwest Portland, from Old Town/Chinatown to Forest Heights, and extends into Washington County.

Basic Rights Oregon has chosen to support Carol Robinson over her Democratic rival. We think it is important for you to know why you should vote for her.

Carol does not approach sexual minority issues with the calculating eye of a politician. Issues that face us are very personal for her. On the campaign and in her own life, Carol talks to

people about her support for sexual minorities because their rights are an important part of who she is and what her values are.

When people ask her why she is a Democrat, she begins by telling them about her belief in a woman's right to choose and her support for gay and trans rights. As a state legislator, she will continue to speak out publicly in the hopes of encouraging more people to do the same.

On the issues, Carol will fight to ensure gay and trans youth are protected from harassment in schools. She actively and publicly will oppose any and all anti-gay ballot measures.

Carol will work to ensure same-sex couples have the same basic rights under Oregon law as heterosexual couples. In short, she will work for us not just because we support her but because she shares our values.

Carol understands hate is not a family value.

She will work to ensure her four children grow up in a state that is free of unnecessary hindrances on their basic rights.

A war of words is raging in Oregon, and Carol will encourage all people to focus on the real issue. It's not who we love that's important; it's that we have love in our lives.

Please join former Gov. Barbara Roberts, BRO, the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, state Sen. Ryan Deckert, state Rep. Mary Nolan, the Oregon League of

Conservation Voters and many others in supporting Carol Robinson for the Legislature.

PAIGE RICHARDSON, CAROL ADLER,  
PAUL SCARDINA, KATHLEEN SULLIVAN  
Portland



Carol Robinson

### Judge for yourself

TO THE EDITOR:

Judicial races generally receive little attention from voters or the media. But this month we have an uncommon opportunity to vote for someone who has earned our support.

Marc Abrams, a colleague and friend I have the pleasure and honor of knowing, is far and away the most qualified candidate for Multnomah County Circuit Court judge Position 38 in District 4. He has the breadth of experience as a practicing attorney for 20 years, a pro tem judge for both the circuit and district courts, an arbitrator working in three counties and a law school teacher. In addition, he is a community activist who gives of his time and experience to his neighborhood association, to the Oregon State Bar and as an elected Portland Public Schools board member.

All of Marc's qualifications and experiences alone make him the better candidate for judge,

but for the sexual minorities community he is hands down the one we should vote for because of his support for us. He has been a human rights leader his whole adult life. He has taken risks to his career, his public image and his person for standing up on behalf of our community.

Marc led the fight to stop discrimination in our schools against gays and lesbians. He defended the rights of gays in the military, which earned him the Johnnie Hart Medal from the Veterans for Human Rights.

Marc has stood firm in protecting the rights of our community despite being criticized by other school board members and the media. He is a person who justly wears the label "straight but not narrow."

Please join me in voting for Marc. He has the experience, temperament and philosophical persuasion to make an excellent judge.

GEORGE EIGHMEY  
Portland

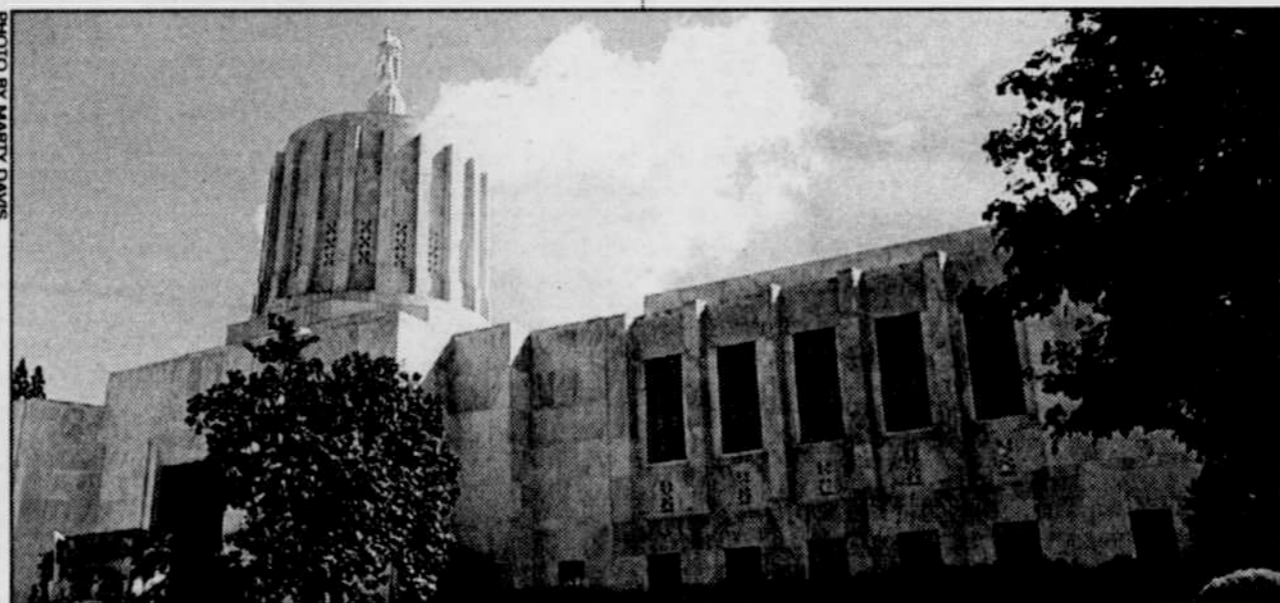
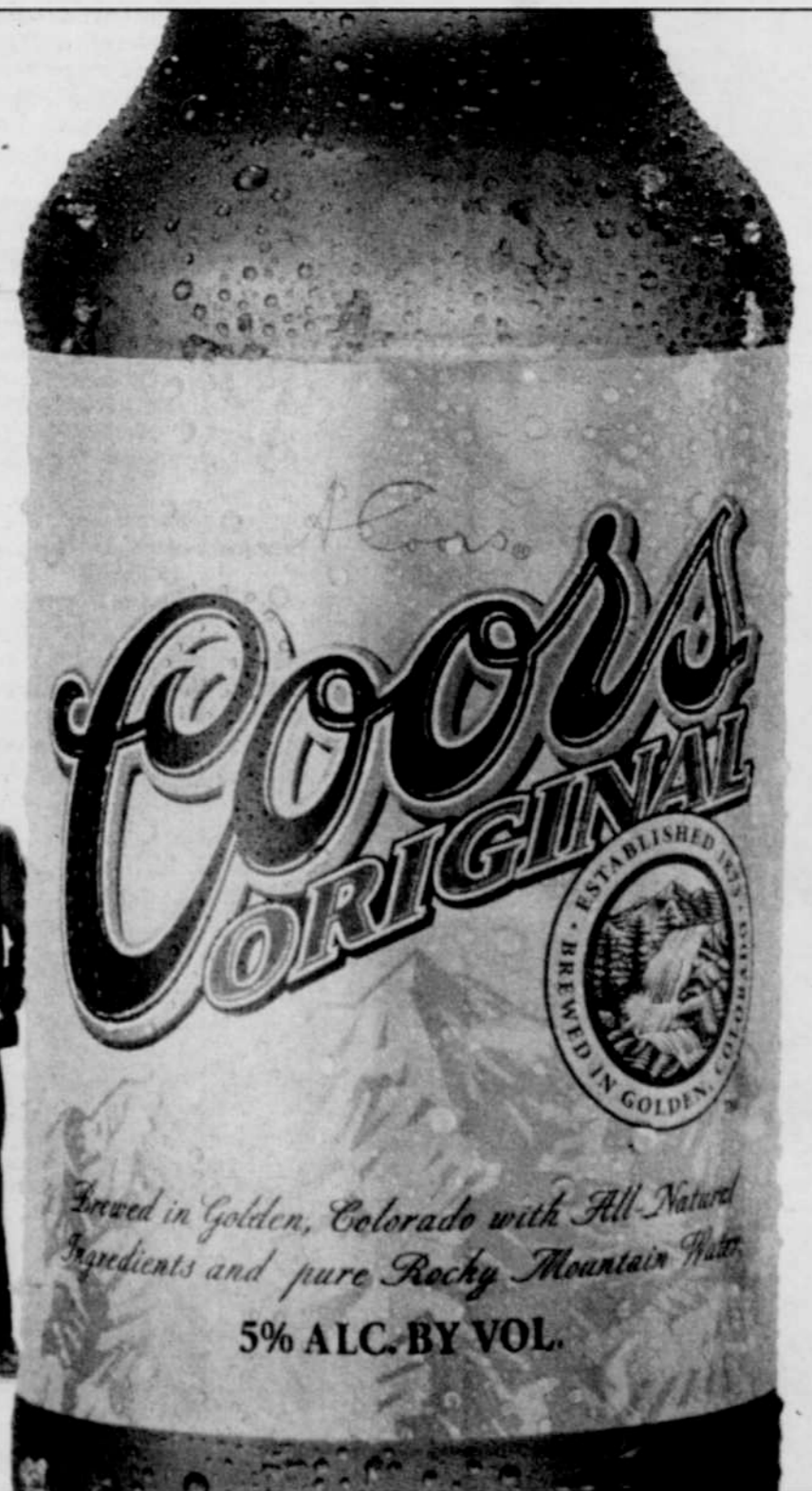


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