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The Post's Recommendations

The Post traditionally holds its ballot recommendations until the last week before election. Being a weekly newspaper, we figure it makes more sense to do everything just before ballots are cast.

Once again, we do not presume to make recommendations on all races, all issues; only those where we've talked with candidates or have some special knowledge.

The Presidency

The Post has no recommendation to make on the Democratic race. We simply cannot support any of the candidates.

So instead we will predict George

McGovern will beat Hubert Humphrey. These two we see as the only viable candidates and on the Republican side there is no contest.

The Senate Race

For the Senate, we recommend Republican Mark Hatfield and Democrat Bob Duncan. We have tremendous regard for ex-Sen. Wayne Morse (Dem.) but think Duncan right now will do a better job

of serving all of Oregon.

Hatfield has only minimal competition in the Republican primary. We would support him regardless of the opposition.

The State Races

Looking at our state races in the Senate District 25 Sen. Ken Jernstedt Republican and Democrat Dick Coram are both unopposed.

In District 55 we recommend Democrat Jack Sumner and Republican David Green is unopposed.

The district 56 which includes Sandy and Hoodland we recommend Paul Welden on the Republican ticket

and Gib Wiley is running unopposed on the Democratic side.

District 25 includes the Boring-Damascus area and we recommend Democrat Stu Mockford and Republican George Van Bergen. District 26 includes the Cottrell area and the area west and south of Sandy. There, we like Republican Leo Thornton; Democrat Bob Reynolds is unopposed.

Clackamas County

Clackamas County has a number of interesting races with several local residents being involved.

County Commission Post No. 3 has attracted a sizable field. On the Republican side incumbent Tom Telford of Boring faces able competition from ex-legislator Jim Henderson of Lake Oswego. Telford

has represented our area ably and deserves re-election. Walt Blaisdell of Wemme would make a good commissioner on the Democratic side.

For sheriff, we like Republican Robert Wampler of Beaver Creek and Democrat Joe Shobe present sheriff.

Local Tax Issues

Both the city and the Sandy Rural Fire District 72 will seek new tax bases in the election on Tuesday.

The city is also seeking a tax levy to support the purchase of property to be added to the city park.

We give full support to the fire district tax base. It is needed. The fire district is a MUST service and the voters need to support the tax base so the district can improve to meet the needs of the district it serves.

We feel the city tax base is also

needed, for the city like the fire department has been running for too many years on a shoe string.

By approving both tax base issues, area residents can help both the fire district and the city keep up with the increasing demands being placed on them by the growing area they service.

We give no recommendation on the park levy, only stating the city should possibly have waited on this issue if possible.

Community College

There is competition for Position 4 on the Mt. Hood Community College board and either John Briece or Dr. Malcolm MacGregor would be an excellent choice.

We lean to Briece because of his past experience on the Mt. Hood board, including a year as board chairman.

Other Measures

Mt. Hood Community College seeks approval to elect board members by zones rather than at-large. We think this, on balance, is a good idea.

On state measures, we approve Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5. We oppose No. 2 (which would remove constitutional authority for a mid-decade census,

if needed) and No. 6 which enables a county-city vehicle registration tax. The latter could find county residents paying a tax for use of cities.

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These, then are The Post recommendations. Vote as you like . . . but vote!

Chamber hears DA candidate

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce heard about the new laws concerning drugs. The guest speaker Tuesday was Ron Thom, candidate for Clackamas County District Attorney.

Thom stated the lack of understanding of

the new criminal code has caused much confusion for county residents.

The Chamber next Tuesday will meet for lunch at the Sandy Adventist Center.



LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

The recent announcement of the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners has finally paid the Automatic Voting Machine Company, \$4,000 in an out of court settlement, on a claim of \$11,355, makes it possible to sum up the cost to the County and Taxpayers, of Commissioner Robert Schumacher's error and bad judgement.

The decision made by Commission Schumacher, then County Clerk, (in 1965) to purchase the obsolete, mechanical voting machines, has with the current settlement, cost the taxpayers \$166,276.66. This was taxpayers money needlessly wasted.

To correct this example of gross mismanagement, the County purchased a Computer punch card system, first used in 1970, at a cost of \$210,000. (over a 5 year period.) This was done despite the opposition of Commissioner Schumacher. Had we retained the AVM voting machines, we would not have a legal voting system, and no recount provision, as our Oregon constitution provides for.

The punch card system, we now have, in comparison with the AVM machines, is much cheaper, less complicated, assures the voter of his legal right to vote. The modern computer punch card system, 1200 units, (booths and etc.) adapted by George Poppen, County Clerk, assures us, that we are emerging into the 20th Century, as far as voting is concerned.

However, we still have one more task, defeating Robert Schumacher at the polls. We made a big mistake, as voters, in electing him to the County Commissioner's post in 1968. Let us rectify that mistake this next election!

Josephine McKinney
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Dear Editor:

Is this country of ours so free that we allow riots, shootings and any other maliciousness to go on?

They say crime doesn't pay. Prove it!

We must do something and do it fast. I know that we can't go back in time, but some times old ways are the best.

Hanging in a public place, life sentences or before a firing squad. I'm sure that our crime rate will fall and in a short time.

When a political candidate cannot even campaign without such fear—nor a storekeeper can't relax, a bank teller go to work without fear, it is time we took steps.

How can the police forces of our nation control what they must feel, when dealing with this element?

I say to you fellow Americans, we are going to have to fight.

Our right to bear arms again is jeopardized because of Governor Wallace's shooting. If they take our right to "Bear Arms" away, those that do find the gun an answer, will only find new ways to commit crimes.

Ruth M. Bailey
Box 1124
Zig Zag

To the Editor:

I can not afford another four years of Robert Schumacher. To date, he has forced us, either through bad judgement or another reason, to accept the programmed voting machines. Machines that were expensive in first cost, expensive to repair and maintain, expensive to program and move to the

voting precincts, prone to break down, and ended our county in a lawsuit.

As Vice Chairman of Metropolitan Service District, Mr. Schumacher was instrumental in choosing the services of an out-of-state engineering company, one whose board chairman and one employee were charged with bribery.

Had it not been for the wisdom of Commissioner Tom Telford, Mr. Schumacher would have purchased for us, with our tax money, an obsolete computer system from the RCA Company, one they have since discontinued to manufacture.

He would ram additional car license fees down our throats to promote his pet schemes. With our county roads breaking up and many school districts in financial trouble, he would use a possible federal windfall to build a new court house and hire even more top brass and place our county in additional debt.

At a time when thinking people everywhere are working for solidarity, Mr. Schumacher has endeavored to divide the people of this county. It will take time and effort to heal the animosity and divisions of people of the north end of the county and the people of the south.

In his tenure of office both as County Clerk and County Commissioner, too many of his decisions have proved to be unwise and has cost our county too much money and inef-

ficiency.

In the best interest of the people of Clackamas County, in the best interest of Mr. Schumacher himself, Mr. Schumacher must be removed from office.

It will be an interesting proposition to see if Mr. Schumacher can make a living for himself and for his family, either in private or corporate endeavor, without being on the public payroll.

Sincerely,
Eldon Austin
Rt. 2 Molalla

To the Editor:

I urge everyone to write, telegraph and/or phone Senator M. Hatfield and Senator R. Packwood and tell them to get us out of the Vietnam war. Do it today.

I find it frightening that one man can, by edict, escalate a war that is and was a mistake to ever begin.

I apologize for once considering this atrocity just, and ask that our troops come home. Right now.

Vincent J. Keating III, D.V.M.

WEATHER

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May 11	69	44	.00
May 12	78	48	.00
May 13	84	50	.00
May 14	84	50	fog
May 15	80	53	.00
May 16	62	53	.03
May 17	64	48	1.06

The Troutdale station weather readings are made by 5:30 p.m.

Injured woman doing well

An Estacada woman was listed as being in satisfactory condition at Gresham Community Hospital Monday, following a two-car crash May 13.

Mary Louise Boyle, 25, was injured about 4 p.m. Saturday, when her auto collided with another at the intersection of SE 282nd Ave. and Powell Valley Rd. Her passengers, a boy, 7 and a girl, 3 were unhurt.

Driver of the other car was David Sherman Hill, 29, of Rt. 4, Box 11965, Boring, whose passenger, Tod 5, same address, was also injured.

The five-year-old was treated and released, but no information about Hill's injuries, if any, was available.

Sheriff's reports said the

Boyle woman was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

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By Ace Reid



"No, it ain't exactly where you said put it, but jist look, we didn't have to dig one post hole!"

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