

Tax limitation

Walden says measure to pass

Republican Paul Walden, District 36 candidate for the state house, predicts passage of Ballot Measure 6 to limit state property taxes to 1½ percent.

But he has mixed feelings about its merits and neither opposes nor supports its passage in November.

The Hood River radio station owner will attempt in that same election to reclaim his legislative seat from 1976 upset winner Wayne Fawbush.

"There's good and bad on both sides of the issue," Walden said. "I'll leave it up to the people to decide."

Walden does voice strong opposition to government spending and bureaucracy.

"All of our taxes are going to an inefficient government system. There is waste in government spending, but

this (Measure 6) won't totally answer the question. "It's just a darn shame that this is the only way the public has to tell government to cut back the spending."

Despite loss of revenue with passage of the measure, the state could tide itself over the first year with the \$150 million end balance from the current state budget, Walden said.

That money would be plugged into high priority allocations, such as basic school support guaranteed by the state's constitution, and more revenue sharing with cities, he explained.

Walden also considers cut backs on the state's property and renter relief act for possible state savings.

A review of the proposed ballot measure by the state

attorney general should be released by mid-August, with legal opinions on some 52 constitutional questions to guide the legislature.

An informal work session of the state house and senate will convene Aug. 19 to review allocations in the wake of the attorney general's opinions and decide how best to spend what money the state expects to have next year with probably passage of Measure 6.

"There are key questions as yet unanswered concern-

ing that measure," Walden said, "such as what happens to the state's timber tax. Does it roll back, too?" he asked, referring to the measure's call for property tax roll-backs to 1975-76 assessment levels.

Walden said that he has been attending meetings in Salem concerning Measure 6 and preparing for what budgetary decisions may befall him, should he wrest his legislative seat back from Rep. Wayne Fawbush in November.

Webworms active pests

Juniper plants in the landscape are being chewed on by a perennial pest, said Ray McNeilan, Urban Horticulture Extension agent.

The worm is reddish brown about half an inch long and is found in places where it can cover dense branches and twigs with webbing. Being well protected by the branches and webbing, it is hard to get rid of an established infestation. Chemical controls should be applied early.

Take a look at your own junipers in your yard. Part the dense branches and look

for places where the twigs and branches have been bound together by the worms' webbing threaded through the growth. To control by spraying choose a time when the weather permits several hours of drying time for the control chemical to be effective.

Spray materials containing diazinon are the more effective. Mix a wetting agent with the spray and apply with force to penetrate the webbed areas.

An hour or so spent now protecting junipers will help prevent serious browning of the plant in late spring.



SHOE REPAIRMAN Joel Shekter, new proprietor of Sandy Shoe Shop, stitches up a shoe at his shop at

Meinig and Pioneer Blvd.

Staff photo

Portland man buys shoe shop

A Portland shop repairman has purchased Sandy Shoe Shop at Meinig and Pioneer Blvd. Joel Shekter recently purchased the business from

William and Lucille Saunders who operated the shop for 10 years before retiring to move to Madras. Shekter previously worked at Al Olds Shoe Repair in

Milwaukie and recently completed a Portland Community College course in shoe repair.

Shop services include soling, half soles, patching and some orthopedic work. Shekter plans soon to carry a line of boots and polish.

He is married with one daughter. The family resides in Portland.

Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 until 5 p.m.

Former owner Saunders has moved to Madras to trap.

Stamp phase-out is ready to begin

The U.S. Postal Service will soon be phasing out the non-denominated "A" stamp as post offices receive large supplies of new stamps showing 15 cents.

With only a limited supply

of 15-cent Oliver Wendell Holmes stamps on hand when the Postal Rate Commission recommended the 15-cent rate for first-class mail, the postal service turned to the 4.2 billion "A" stamps it had kept to meet possible short-term needs.

Since that time, the postal service has issued five 15-cent stamps that are now in the process of general distribution to post offices.

As the postal service announced at the time of its issuance, the "A" stamp should not be used for international mailings.

However, while the use of the "A" stamp should be limited to domestic mail and letters to Canada and Mexico, other foreign postal by the U.S. Postal Service to accept them on a temporary basis when U.S. customers inadvertently applied them to international mail.

In general, Applegate said, foreign postal systems have accepted U.S. mail bearing the "A" stamp. He said there have been only isolated instances where "A" stamp letters have been returned from foreign countries.

Because of the cost of mailing a letter to Canada and Mexico is the same as the domestic rate, the "A" stamp is being accepted in these two neighboring countries.

Western region postal officials in San Bruno, Calif., reported that a survey of major foreign mail facilities in Los Angeles and San Francisco confirmed that no foreign postal administration has returned mail to these two gateways because of the "A" stamps.



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