

Survey results show county concern

State Sen. Walter F. Brown has released survey results that show 92 percent of 806 respondents favoring an overhaul in Clackamas County government.

Seventy-seven percent of 754 respondents supported an initiative to elect five county commissioners from separate districts.

The surveys were mailed in July to about 31,500 households in the 13th Senate district, which includes northern Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Clackamas, Sunnyside, Happy Valley, Damascus and Boring.

About 1030 surveys were returned, or 3.3 percent of those sent out. Brown said response rates of 5 to 10 percent are usually considered representative, but

that he thought his response "a decent sample."

The question on county government stated, "Based upon recent news articles on our county government about budget deficits of more than \$2.3 million, mass layoffs looming, (Brown said these referred to past years) court house remodeling, a major lease of a defective building, an emergency coordinator for 19 years currently being paid \$34,816 a year although the county lacks a disaster plan, etc. — Do you think that the Clackamas County government should be overhauled?"

Of 806 who answered, 739 said yes and 66 said no.

Asked what he thought about the responses, County

Commissioner Robert Schumacher said, "I think Walt Brown should be overhauled."

He said Brown had distorted facts and worded his questions so that no one could disagree.

Brown said, "To some extent, questions were asked in a way to elicit a certain response. This is politics, not just poll-taking."

The question on electing five commissioners from districts was preceded by the statements that: "In the November 1978 election, a majority of Senate District 13 voters supported a 'local control' initiative to elect five county commissioners, each from a separate district. The initiative narrowly failed countywide because voters in other parts

of Clackamas County received no written information on this issue..."

Of 754 respondents, 578 said they would support another such initiative, and 176 said they would not.

Brown, a Republican, said he supports that measure because commissioners elected from districts instead of countywide "are more attune to the needs of their local area."

In addition, "a reform candidate can win on the ground in a local district" because he can campaign on foot, Brown said.

But Schumacher, a Democrat, responded, "We voted on it (in 1978) and it went down. What the hell does he want?"

Commissioner Ralph Groener, also a Democrat,

said he would support an overhaul in county government to update the 120-year-old county charter, but would not want five commissioners elected from districts.

"I don't think you (the commissioner) would be as knowledgeable on the whole county, and it leads to tradeoffs. Like 'If he doesn't vote for roads in my district, I won't vote for a park in his.' That's the old system of government."

Other responses to Brown's survey showed 76.3 percent of respondents favoring an initiative to establish a three-member non-partisan state energy commission.

Seven hundred ninety persons, or 84 percent of the respondents, favored a ban on the purchase of Oregon

farmland by foreign investors. The question said that more Oregon farmland was sold to foreign investors than any other state, according to a report on 1977-78 foreign investment.

Brown said federal capital gains taxes favor investment by non-resident aliens. "They can bid up the prices for farmland higher (and pay more) than someone under normal tax laws," he said.

Survey respondents also favored by 73 to 27 percent legislation requiring state and local government agencies to give preference to buying American-made goods. The question said high consumption of foreign products "had led to the loss of jobs in Oregon and a decline in the value of the dollar abroad."

Fix-it classes set soon at MHCC

Fixing your own car, lawn mower, motorcycle, or boat engine is possible with an evening class this winter at Mt. Hood Community College.

"No automotive or mechanical experience is needed for these classes and students will work on their own cars or equipment," said Lee Mathews, chairman of the MHCC industrial division.

How to repair your own small engines will be taught on Monday nights, 7-10, beginning Jan. 2.

"In this class, students can work on their own lawn mowers, chain saws, rototillers, or other small engines," Mathews said.

Outboard engine overhaul is a Thursday night class, 7-10, which begins Jan. 3. Students will learn how to repair their outboard motors and put them in good working condition, according to Mathews.

Repairing or replacing the upholstery in your car will be taught on Tuesday nights, 7-10, beginning Jan. 8.

"This might include seat covers, floor rugs, or other upholstery work that the students want to do in their cars," Mathews said.

Motorcycle tune-up is a

Tuesday night class, 7-10, beginning Jan. 8. "You provide the motorcycle; we provide the instruction," Mathews said.

Three basic auto tune-up classes are offered this winter, Monday and Wednesday nights at the MHCC Gresham campus and Tuesday nights at Parkrose High School as part of the MHCC extension program.

Students will work on their own cars with special attention to ignition systems, carburetors, servicing and minor repairs.

Mathews said the college will provide special tools needed in these classes, but students should have their own set of basic hand tools.

Cost for residents of the college district is \$30 tuition per class, plus a \$2 lab fee.

Registration has started for winter term classes. For the complete class schedule and registration information, call 667-6422 and ask for the college's admissions office.

The class schedule has information on how to register by telephone, by mail or in person.

OSU freshmen bring high grades

Entering freshmen at Oregon State University are finding the competition keen in the classroom: again this fall, a report from the Admissions Office points out.

The average new freshman woman brought a grade point average of 3.34, or nearly B plus, from high school (same as last fall). The grade point average of new entering males was 3.24 (3.23 last year). Four points represents straight A — and 33 entering freshmen had straight-A high school grades.

Entering freshmen from Oregon high schools had higher grades than those from out-of-state. Oregon entering freshmen women had grade averages of 3.35; those from out-of-state, 3.27; males — Oregonians, 3.26; out-of-staters, 3.13.

Eighty-two percent of the 2,979 new freshmen were from Oregon; 17 percent from other states; one percent from other countries.

A breakdown of the 2,192 transfers from other colleges showed 52 percent from

Oregon; 42 percent from other states; and six percent from other countries.

"This is an indication of the attraction of OSU's academic programs for students from throughout the nation," it was noted by Wallace E. Gibbs, registrar and director of admissions. "Despite very high out-of-state tuition, four times that of in-state charges, students were drawn by the excellence of the educational offerings here."

The college transfers came from all of the other 49 states plus American Samoa, Guam and District of Columbia.

Transfer numbers from Oregon community colleges included: Blue Mountain, 20; Central Oregon, 40; Chemeketa, 56; Clackamas, 27; Clatsop, 17; Lane, 88; Linn-Benton, 108; Mt. Hood, 110; Portland, 82; Rogue, 10; Southwestern Oregon, 17; Treasure Valley, 23; Umpqua, 40.

New freshmen came from 204 Oregon high schools, from 41 other states, and from 15 other countries.

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Applicants may submit only one application to the Forest Service and may indicate only one location preference. Applications must be sent directly to the

appropriate Regional Office or Research Station.

Regulations have been amended by the office of personnel management to allow summer employment of a son or daughter by the same agency as the parent under certain conditions.

All applicants will be given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or national origin.

There's trick in selecting Christmas toys

Stores are full of exciting toys that delight the eyes of grandparents, aunts, uncles and children. But not so much the parents, says Marilyn Lunner, Clackamas County Extension agent.

Parents, managing on a tight budget, are more aware of their children's needs and are little enthralled.

Parents want to keep the magic in the Christmas season and bring happiness to their children just as much as anyone, but they usually carefully study other important factors, says Marcelle Straatman, Oregon State University Extension human development specialist. Modern parents are very concerned that toys are not only pretty and fun, but also stimulate creativity, and are durable, versatile and safe.

Creative toys stimulate children's imaginations and encourage them to pretend and act out different roles. Wind up toys that are for watching do not stimulate the imagination and are soon boring.

Durability is an important factor. Children can be very rough with toys. They like to handle them and put stress on them in order to explore and find out what they're made of.

Versatility is another aspect to consider when choosing toys, Lunner says. Ask yourself "How many things can be done with this toy?" Even a simple puzzle of shapes can be taken out, put back, name shapes and name colors. Children soon lose interest in a toy that

cannot be used in a variety of ways.

Finally, consider the safety of a toy. It should not break easily into small pieces or leave jagged edges. Toys for small children should not have sharp edges or be put together with straight pins, wires or other fasteners that might come off. Brittle plastic or glass are also unsafe. Make sure paints are non-toxic, Lunner says.

Toys that have strings or cords attached to them should be no longer than 12 inches to avoid accidents. Fabric toys should be flame resistant or non-flammable and washable.

It's also important to buy toys according to the child's age, Lunner says. Often the manufacturers print the recommended age on the toy package. Even so, parents need to consider the maturity and strength of the child.

"When there are younger and older children in a family, we need to realize that a toy safe for one child may be hazardous to others. Parents need to teach older children not to leave their toys lying around where unsupervised younger children can get to them," Lunner said.

Parents and children need to know the proper use of such play things as chemistry sets and electrically-operated toys. Close supervision and safe storage is essential.

"Buying toys is fun. Hopefully, all Santa Clauses will choose toys wisely this Christmas," Lunner adds.

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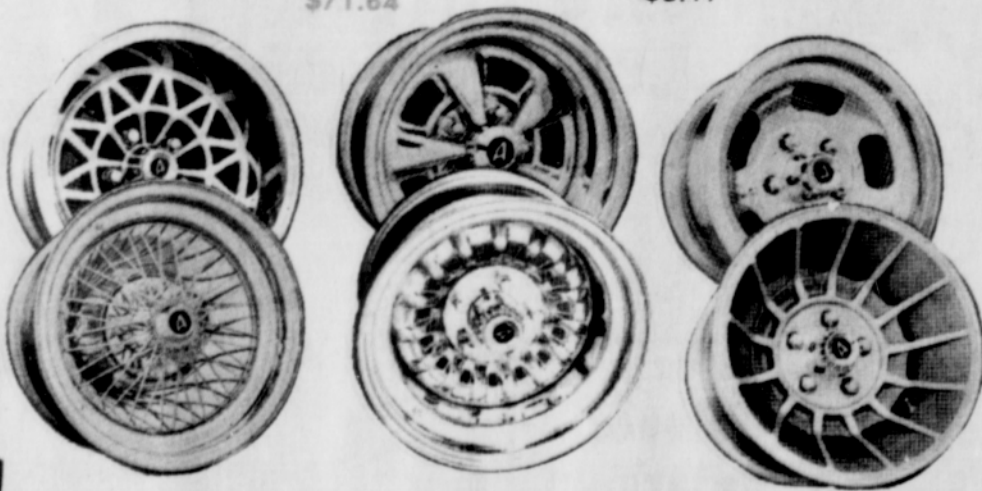
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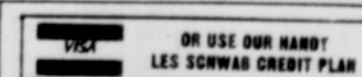
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