

In District 23

Estacada man enters House race

Jim Brochis thinks the make-up of the Oregon Legislature should better reflect the make-up of the state it represents.

Brochis, 31, of Estacada is seeking a seat in the Oregon Legislature in House District 23. He said Monday that it's "very critical" that the state assembly reflect a cross section of the voters, "particularly in Oregon where you have a citizen legislature."

Brochis feels the current legislative assembly is made up of too many independent businessmen and not enough people who work for someone else, as a majority of Oregonians do.

An engineer at Precision Cast Parts in Portland, Brochis spent two and a half years as an appraiser for Clackamas County. During that time, he said, he got a feel for the political ideals of northern Clackamas County as he traveled through the area.

That feeling, he said, was enhanced two years ago when he ran unsuccessfully for County Appraiser, losing by 10 percent of the vote in the primary.

A Klamath Falls native, Brochis



Jim Brochis

has lived in Estacada for the past five years. He and his wife, Debbie, have two children, Alexa, 5, and John, 16 months.

"Oregon is energy deficient," Brochis said. "Eighty-seven percent of Oregon's total energy supplies come from outside the borders."

"The Oregon Legislature must

create legislation which will give tax incentives for the research and development of alternative energy sources."

Brochis feels that public policy should be geared to crime control or crime prevention.

"A major result of the United States heavy reliance on laws for social control is the problem of selective enforcement," he said.

"Business needs investment tax credits that will allow partial financing from cash flow, so that the business doesn't have to take loans for investments on projects at interest rates close to 20 percent," Brochis said.

"We must go to California's Silicon Valley and get high-technology electronics companies to open in Oregon," he said, "using Oregon workers."

Brochis said he believes the state must protect its farm and timber lands.

"Oregon's primary source of wealth and economic strengths are the timber and farm products grown in rural areas," he said.

"Forest products and agricultural products are Oregon's two biggest industries."

Sandy postmaster urges early mailing

The Postal Service is joining forces with the Sandy business community this year to urge customers to shop early and mail early for Christmas.

Postmaster Arnold Becker officially declared the start of the Christmas shopping season by asking shoppers to assist with the Christmas mailing crunch by shopping early and mailing early.

Cards and parcels will reach their destination in plenty of time for the holidays, if customers will start early, make certain that mail is correctly addressed and that packages are properly wrapped, Becker said.

The key to successful holiday mailing is to mail early and correctly. That includes planning now for gifts that must travel a long distance by Christmas.

"Many overseas mailing dates—including those for the armed forces overseas—occur during this month," Becker said. "Mailable can get specific information on the international dates by calling us

here at 668-4044. "Customers should also take care to write legible ZIP coded addresses for both the intended recipient and the sender. Since mail sorting depends on the ZIP code as well as the name of the particular city and state, the use of the correct ZIP code will aid us in processing the mail," he said.

"Last year, our customers helped us tremendously. They mailed early in the season and early in the day. We hope they will choose to cooperate with us again this year," Becker said. "So we both will have an enjoyable holiday mailing season."

Hwy. 26. Sandy Phone 668-8058

PAOLA'S PIZZA BARN

Congratulations to **Dan Martin**

Sandy Union High School senior Dan Martin is prep of the week. He recently was selected to the Timber Valley League all-stars first team offense and defense. He was an offensive guard and a linebacker for the 6-4 Pioneers.

He is co-editor of the Mountain Echoes student newspaper, was in the cast of West Side Story, and an honor roll student. He is also a state wrestling champion.

Enjoy great pizzas & good times at Paola's!

Storm damage could mean deductions

Sandy area residents who suffered substantial property damage in last weekend's windstorm may be eligible for federal tax breaks to help cover losses.

However, documentation is required to support casualty loss deductions, said IRS District Director T. Blair Evans.

He said that most casualty loss deductions claimed by Oregonians on federal tax returns for ice storm damage in 1980 and earlier

are being disallowed in IRS audits. He said the main reason is inadequate documentation.

Although last weekend's losses cannot be deducted until the 1981 federal return is filed, taxpayers should determine the amount of decrease in value now, Evans said. They should document the event by means of photographs, written appraisals from qualified professionals, and proof of cost and

ownership of the property.

Tree and shrub damage does not automatically qualify as a casualty loss, because it may not affect the overall value of the property. However, the cost of removal of debris may be considered part of the casualty.

Casualty losses on personal property are deductible only if the deductions are itemized. Deductible casualty losses must be caused by sudden, unex-

pected or unusual events.

According to Evans, different rules apply to business and non-business property for determining casualty loss deductions.

For personal residence, casualty losses are the difference in value of the entire property (including house, land, shrubs, out-buildings) immediately before and immediately after the storm.

This needs to be supported by a written real

estate appraisal. For some cases, the cost of restoring the property to its pre-storm condition is an acceptable measure of the loss. The loss cannot exceed the tax basis in the property.

This basis is generally the original cost of the residence plus the cost of any improvements. Personal casualty losses must be reduced by \$100 for each occurrence.

In figuring losses to investment or business real estate, the losses computed separately on each building or other improvement. The \$100 limit does not apply.

Personal property losses are measured by the decrease in the fair market value of each separate piece of property, but can never be greater than its original cost.

State drops firm from order

American Guaranty Financial Corporation has been removed as a party under the Order to Desist and Refrain which stopped timeshare sales at the Green Tee Motel in Welches.

That Oct. 22 order was issued by the state Real Estate Division to Resort Timesharing, Inc., Mt. Hood Timeshare Sales, Inc., Mt. Hood Vacation Club, Mt. Hood Clearing House and the financial corporation.

American Guaranty was included in the named parties, based on information in the files of the Real Estate Division which appeared to indicate the direct involvement of the corporation in the subdivision of the property.

Since that time, the real estate commissioner, relying on the representations and assurances of American Guaranty has determined that it would be appropriate to dismiss

them as a named party.

The real estate commissioner has been informed by American Guaranty that they are not actively involved in the subdivision of the property except on an incidental basis as it relates to their agreement to a non-disturbance clause in their underlying sale of the property to Resort Timesharing, Inc.

American Guaranty

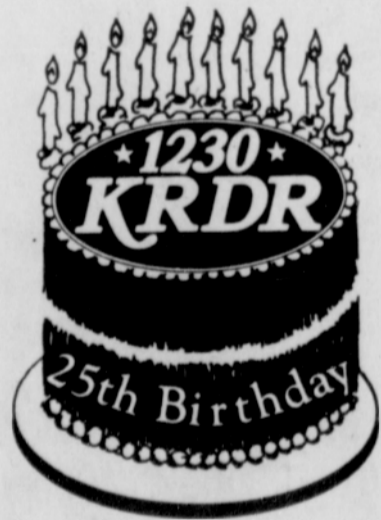
representatives have assured the Real Estate Division that they will not undertake to assist in the subdivision of the Green Tee Motel by any future action besides their requirements under the non-disturbance clause.

The Real Estate Division has been assured by American Guaranty that it will provide full and complete cooperation to the

division in its investigation into the subdivision activities of Resort Timesharing and the associated sales activities of both licensed and unlicensed salespeople.

That cooperation will include providing records of testimony, whether voluntarily or by subpoena, at any hearing which may result from the investigation.

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Carpet firm offers unique cleaning plan

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They spray a carbonated solution which comes out as a mist on the carpet. Carbon dioxide lifts dirt to the surface and the firm uses a soft shag pad on a buffer to take it out.

The solution removes more stains and soils, including pet stains and grease, and dries in less than one hour, according to Marcia Mac Swan.

The product doesn't overwet the carpet, so there is no shrinkage or mildew and it doesn't hurt the flooring under the carpet. It leaves no dirt-attracting residue and is odorless and non-toxic.

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