

## Smooth transition demands Ruth

Sandy's race for mayor offers two equally attractive, qualified candidates in Mayor Ruth Loundree and veteran Councilman Jim Duff.

A smooth transition with a new city manager coming to Sandy and new council members, however, recommends support for incumbent Mayor Loundree.

The two-term mayor and retired city hall mainstay adds stability to a small town government, where faces of people willing to work change all too often.

Mayor Loundree isn't afraid to work. Administration of the city is her main job. She's one of the few members of the Council frequently willing or able to take time to physically pace property under Council consideration.

Her goodwill leadership in spearheading Sandy's Economic

Development Commission already is paying dividends in a three-city effort to market for economic diversification and more quality jobs here.

No unkind words ever are heard about Sandy's grandmotherly mayor, because she knows what she's doing and cares enough to spend time. Someone calls a meeting to discuss something off the wall like neighborly support of human services cut by the federal government, and Ruth is there to help.

Let's make sure she's around to help Sandy this year, when two or three faces change on the Council with races that will put green volunteers in charge of the city. Let's make sure she's around as major to assist the incoming city manager for a smooth transition in administration. (VB)

## State budget woes need caretaker

We see the race for governor coming down to a contrast in basic philosophies.

If you think the state can prime economic pumps with bold new programs that buy Oregon's way out of recession, bet on the corner in swaggering Ted Kulongoski.

However, if you think the state should hold its cards close to the vest, bet on Gov. Vic Atiyeh—an admitted fiscal conservative.

We see Atiyeh as a caretaker governor, who will keep a trust with tax-rebellious citizens. Atiyeh was an early proponent of some sort of tax limitation, although he disavows any support to the current rash Measure 3. Whether this initiative passes or fails, he says he got the message that people want tax relief and government cuts.

State Sen. Ted Kulongoski (D-Junction City), however, proposes to fight economic red tides with government buildup. In fact, he's proposed a new program for almost every major problem. The

programs sound good, but add up to more government expense at a time the state can ill afford it. He's suggested extension of emergency sunset taxes and corporate taxes, but overlooks a new state revenue shortfall of \$500 million that will trouble legislative budgeters next year.

Surely the governor's Economic Recovery Program has shortcomings, especially in its tourism promotion that generated few dollars in a weak season. Also, the governor's office has failed time and again to accurately forecast revenue shortfall, with special sessions and re-budgeting the result.

Kulongoski's bold approach, however, offers undeveloped, untested and underfinanced new programs.

We think the time calls for a caretaker administration by a fiscally conservative governor. Hence, we recommend a vote for Gov. Vic Atiyeh. (VB)

## Personally speaking:

## It takes drive to earn 'freebies'

It really pays to have a woman around the house.

Judging from the mail and telephone calls that have been pouring into my happy home lately, I don't know why I never thought about having one around before.

Almost weekly, Mrs. Dillon gets a letter guaranteeing exotic Caribbean vacations, new luxury automobiles or, at the very least, a toaster-oven from some Great Fandango Land Office with a couple of condominiums to sell.

"You are already a winner," their campaign literature promises. (Why, thank you, I think to myself.)

"But only if you and the Mrs. take us up on this fabulous, never-to-be-repeated offer. Don't delay, call today. Your reservations are waiting. It's a going-out-of-business fire sale. All happy, hide-away bungalows must go."

Then the literature carefully explains that to collect this fabulous gift, me and the Mrs. just have to hop in our little family wagon and hop on over to take a tour of the happy, hide-away bungalows. No purchase necessary.

Only drawback to the whole operation is that I don't have a Mrs. The campaign literature makes it perfectly clear, "Bachelor-types need not apply."

Well, the ranks of junk mail are being joined by junk telephone calls. Earnest-sounding young adults are constantly calling for the Mrs., wanting to know her mildest whims about everything from radio stations to dishwashing detergents.

None of the telephone pollsters have offered any alluring come-ons like free trips to Tahiti, so far. But when they do, I'll be ready.

Some day an earnest-sounding young fellow will call, asking for the woman of the house to participate in a survey.

He'll be working his way through a mail-order taxidermy course (they've always got an angle to play up the sympathy vote and keep you on the phone). He'll want to ask her about the ins and out of domestic engineering, bribing her with a free gift for her time.

Well, I'll explain, the little lady's in the shower right now. Can I help you?

"It really ought to be your wife, sir," he'll hedge.

Well, she tells me the most intimate details of her day, I'll plead, with visions of Osterizers and electric shoe-buffers dancing



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ing through the halls in my head.

Oh, come on, I'll coax. How are you going to get past 'Introduction to Trout Shellacking' if you don't ask the questions. I know you guys work on the quota system.

I know I'll get him with that play.

An acquaintance of mine once spent the better part of a summer taking door-to-door polls of housewives. He was paid on the quota system.

He gave his shoe leather a reprieve, though, when he found he got more colorful responses in the bleachers at Portland's Civic Stadium during Beaver baseball games. He also had a better time surpassing his daily quotas.

Anyway, the pollster will ask me wifey's questions. Never mind what kind of creature he thinks I'm married to, I'll have his free gift in the mail.

Dealing with the radio pollsters seems much easier than driving to who-knows-where to look at bungalows just to be denied my toaster-oven. They'd just tell me I should have had my wife do the driving because, like the promotional literature says, "No woman, no wampum."

As Philip Marlowe opined in 'Playback,' "When a woman is a really good driver she is just about perfect."

That may be. But when it comes to cashing in on freebies, it's not who is in the driver's seat. It's whether not you get taken for a ride.



Property tax limitations: local control lost

## Mountain land flap figure responds

## Bias cited

Michael P. Jones is an expert.

Unfortunately, his expertise is limited to the defamation of character of a number of mountain residents that consistently bear the brunt of his newspaper articles.

Over the months I have been accused of wanting to build high-rise buildings in the Welches area, dumping sewage into the Salmon River, misrepresenting time-share sales to buyers, failing to tell homesite buyers that there would be a sewer assessment in the future and now the reader believes that I have violated real estate laws at our recent auction at Rippling River.

In truth, I have gone to great lengths to explain to Mike Jones that there has never been any intention to change any zoning, should the Welches area ever be incorporated. I had nothing to do with the small amount of sewage that overflowed from the Hoodland Sewer District's lift station into the Salmon River a number of months ago. I even accompanied him to the site and explained the problem which was completely unrelated to Rippling River, but to no avail. After making the front page of your paper for three weeks consecutively, I am sure the community felt that we had to be guilty.

I was not the marketing company accused of time-share misrepresentation. Owner of each homesite that has been sold was informed in the earnest money agreement that there would be a Hoodland Sewer District assessment at some time in the future.

More recently, last week's front-page article leads the reader to believe that we again have taken advantage of the public and fostered an illegal auction on the people. His article states that "Martin (the real estate division's representative) who did not attend the auction is looking into advertising violations and violations committed by developer Carl Bright."

The real facts are that Paul Martin was consulted several times prior to the auction, did attend the auction and found nothing out of line with its operation. There was only one complaint to the real estate division from a buyer that refused to acknowledge the auction's rules, even though he admitted having read them in our brochure prior to the auction. There have been some 35 buyers with 350 attendants at the auction, and there have been

## Vote Smith

In recent weeks, Mrs. McFarland and a number of letter writers have made various, vicious charges against Congressman Denny Smith's voting record. A number of those charges are either false or, at best, misleading. It's time to set the record straight.

First, his opponent, Mrs. McFarland, has stated that Denny Smith voted against the housing assistance legislation sponsored by Congressmen AuCoin and others. In fact, he voted for

not new, but it is disheartening. Next time Mrs. McFarland or one of her worker's makes another charge against Denny Smith, remember they've ignored the facts in two major instances and misled voters on a third.

Is this the type of person you want representing you in Congress? I may not always agree with Denny Smith's philosophy, but at least I know he is honest about where he stands and what he says.

Jimmie C. Taylor  
Albany

political considerations, an obvious possible reason is that we in District Two know Mr. Smith all too well. We know who he is and whose interests he has served in the past two years.

Perhaps he has hopes that the people in District Five will be more susceptible to a slick advertising campaign, hitting big on promises and sliding fast and easy over problems.

I hope that is not so. I am taking the time to write this letter, because Denny Smith changed my life. Seriously. Two years ago, I was a burned-out accountant, but Reaganomics and its local proponent, Denny Smith, changed all that.

I attended three town meetings in 1981. In those meetings, Smith never attempted to get to the facts-at-hand, when he was challenged on his statistics.

The information that he presented was often taken out of context. For instance, at the April meeting, he passed out a flier to assure his audience that the president's program was working for them, and that they should assist the President by writing to "Congressional leaders who oppose the President" (with appropriate names and addresses.)

Unfortunately, this handout did not address the fact that 50 percent of the benefits of the "Economic Recovery Program" would be going to a fifth of the population—the richest one-fifth.

At a town meeting in August, he was questioned as to why he was one of 20 (out of 424 voting) representatives who voted for eliminating the minimum Social Security Benefit. He answered that he didn't have to explain or justify yes votes.

Denny Smith has proved to many of us in the Second District that the interests of big business and the wealthy are not the interests of the poor, the elderly, the working class or indeed the future of our country.

I believe the facts and Smith's record, and it will be clear to you whose interests he has represented for the past two years.

Wayne A. Purrett  
Hood River

## Letters to the editor

## Vote Duncan

I have been in education for more than thirty years as a teacher and as an administrator, and I support Verne Duncan for reelection as state superintendent of schools.

Dr. Duncan has consistently promoted the educational welfare of children as his highest priority. During the time I have known him, I have had many personal contacts with Dr. Duncan concerning the education of children in Oregon, not only in the City of Sandy, but also in Coos Bay. From that contact I have found him to be a person who sincerely cares and is always available to listen to concerns about our educational system. He is a thoughtful person who carefully studies issues before rendering a decision.

It is this kind of personality that I feel is essential to our educational system for our children. Therefore, please support Verne Duncan when you go to the polls to vote on November 2nd.

Jack Peters  
Sandy

## Vote Starkovich

I am writing concerning Steve Starkovich for state senator. Steve is a local person and has been very involved in county politics. I feel he will be able to spend the time needed to do the office justice.

Steve is a native of Clackamas County and works as a warehouseman.

I strongly urge that you consider Steve Starkovich, when you vote Nov. 2.

James R. Meiser  
Estacada

## Dump Smith

You might wonder why Denny Smith choose to change districts. His supporters here in Hood River wondered. Along with other

rader to believe there must be something bad going on, if they warrant such bad publicity. They also are the largest employer on the mountain and consistently have tried to enhance the community's environment with worthwhile development. They also are the largest contributors to property taxes which supports the school system, even though there are no children living in the resort.

Not once can I remember Mike Jones having a positive article in your paper regarding Rippling River that might cast a positive light on their activities.

I have not responded to any of the previous publicity, because the damage is usually done with the first article, and any response probably would receive another slanted front-page blast that only would worsen the situation.

I am getting weary of your expertise, Michael P. Jones.

Carl A. Bright  
Welches

## Dump LCDC

Oregonians can expect an avalanche of LCDC-mandated downzoning of rural property after the Nov. 2 election, unless Oregonians vote 'Yes' on Measure 6.

LCDC-mandated downzoning makes land less valuable by piling on use restrictions.

LCDC-mandated downzoning places additional costs on all of us, because the person whose land is downzoned loses value. More and more tax burden is shifted to other landowners, both rural and urban.

Yes, return to local control over people's activities on land and return to local control over land and land taxes. Vote 'Yes' on Measure 6.

Anita B. Hale  
Coos Bay