

County treasurer race no laughter

One county race that should receive more serious attention is that of Republican John Vanderberg for Clackamas County Treasurer.

The physician raises doubts about county government integrity and offers to clean house through the treasurer's office as a service for only a dollar salary.

He wonders why the county teters constantly on the brink of going broke, while commissioners reward themselves by voting themselves highest pay of any county administrators in the state.

The questions beg for answers, and crusader Vanderberg should be given a chance to do some digging—even if it means a sort of "Hoover Commission" to look

under rugs.

Folks out this end of sprawling, poor Clackamas County seldom see their commissioners except when some land is up for grabs. But being disenfranchised by poor representation is only part of the rub here. The county's poor road system, money wasted on silly things like weight-loss programs for county fat cats and unwillingness to pursue lost O&C timber money rub many rank-and-file citizens here wrong, too.

General reaction in status-quo circles has been to write off Vanderberg as some sort of clown. Well, we agree the time for clowning should end in Clackamas County, and recommend a dirt-digger in Vanderberg toward that end. (VB)

McFarland better representative

Another race that begs local support is that of Boring Democrat Ruth McFarland to retire Reagan robot Denny Smith.

Like the masked Lone Ranger, Rep. Smith has been seldom seen around these parts, since winning a seat in Washington two years ago. Close study of his disgraceful voting record shows why.

Smith has voted blindly with the president on just about every military measure to come down the pike—including nerve gas. Social services seem to be what he'd sacrifice first to afford military muscle.

Of particular disgust to Oregonians must be his vote to allow exploration for gas and oil in wilderness areas.

State Rep. McFarland offers a better representative view of Oregonian values—nuclear freeze, military down-scaling, social services for the aged, jobs, trade and education.

Maybe because the Mount Hood College teacher is more mature with more total years in politics, she presents a more rounded picture of Oregonian needs and concerns.

Dr. McFarland is filled with concern and desire to represent the people of this district with close personal contact.

Therefore, we view her election and the corresponding defeat of Smith as the most clear-cut choice local voters will be able to make Nov. 2. (VB)

Pihl, Starkovich best state picks

Races for new Sandy-Hoodland state house and senate seats pit political novices that differ in philosophy more than track records.

We favor young Republican Mark Pihl of Canby for his intelligent discussion of diverse questions over Beaver Creek Democrat Bob Shiprack.

Pihl seems to have a more open mind on sales tax and industrial diversification, while showing dogged support for schools above other cuts government may have to face.

Shiprack may have lost touch with some local voters already with his boast he's campaigned in

virtually every corner of the district, except Mt. Hood which he said had too few voters.

Another narrow edge should be given to Democrat Steve Starkovich of Canby for state senator over newsman Joe Davis of Silverton.

Starkovich simply shows a wider interest in state issues than Davis, whom we see as a knee-jerk reactionary mad over taxes and government mishandling. Also, Starkovich has more actual political experience of pertinent value, although admittedly party politics and not elective office. (VB)

Harlan would serve all county best

For county commissioner we favor attorney Dale Harlan (D-Milwaukie) over Lake Oswego councillor Bev Henderson.

Harlan simply has been more visible in the Sandy area, and therefore seems more involved with east Clackamas County concerns. This sort of closeness is something the area has not

received from its commissioners.

Harlan is a tireless worker and knowledgeable in county government proceedings, having practiced law here 24 years.

We see Harlan as a cut-above as a commissioner who will represent all of the county. Hence we urge his election. (VB)

Vote 'No' on 1, 2 but 'Yes' on 4, 5

While ballot Measure 3 to limit property tax and Measure 6 to abolish LCDC seem to get all the attention, other voter questions Nov. 2 are important to consider.

Ballot Measure 1 would give almost free reign to taxation. It asks, "Shall a taxing district's constitutional tax base increase when new property construction causes district's true cash value to increase?" While Measure 3 to limit taxes is drastic, this measure is no answer, either. We urge a 'No' vote on Measure 1 for open-checkbook government spending.

Another 'No' vote is urged on Measure 2 to lengthen the governor's time for post-session veto or approval of bills.

While the measure sounds good in extending time to collect referendum signatures, it allows the legislature to sit on bills until after the period for collecting referendum signatures to over-

turn them. Hence, it hurts the people's referendum alternative in Oregon.

Measure 4 to allow self-service at the gas pump, however, makes sense—dollars and cents in savings to the public. Anyone who's seen self-service stations across the bridge in Washington knows they'll save a few cents a gallon at budget stations with a smart vote for Measure 4.

Ballot Measure 5 whereby "The people of Oregon urge mutual freeze on nuclear weapons development" draws an easy vote of support. Anyone who doesn't want to direct the president and congress to negotiate with the Soviets for mutual halt in testing, production and deployment of all nuclear weapons doesn't value life much. Maybe we all can agree to stand up for something as basic as life over the unrestrained buildup of mega-bombs for destruction Nov. 2. (VB)



Letters to the editor:

Sandy woman slams Voters Pamphlet

LCDC costly

Oct. 22, 1982, I filed a complaint with the Oregon secretary of state and attorney general concerning the wording on Ballot Measure 6 and the estimate of financial effect, as it appears in the Voters Pamphlet.

The wording and figures given are incomplete and give the impression the budget of LCDC is much smaller than it is and that the bill will cost taxpayers money, rather than save money. This is false. The wording says we will save \$800,000, with the abolishment of LCDC, but fails to mention this is all that remains of the \$6,655,395 budget for the 1982-83 biennium.

This money was approved through SB 5540 and does not include some other appropriations through other bills passed, so the amount of LCDC's money spent may be even greater.

The increased cost to the taxpayer for the 1983-85 biennium as stated is misleading. LCDC has, in fact, requested in formal written form to the governor's budget department a request for more than \$8 million. This request is for \$3,860,715 (LCDC Administration), \$604,040 (LUBA Administration) and \$3,866,732 (for grants from the General Fund).

One argument against a 'Yes' vote on this measure is that LCDC is almost done with its job and from now on the cost will be less. This is untrue, as they are in fact asking for larger amounts of money for 1983-85 and they are considering enforcement laws that will cost the taxpayer many thousands if not millions of dollars, taking more rights away from the property owner.

We have many laws, and government seems to delight in passing laws in the name of protecting the consumer from being misled or cheated in the pocketbook. Yet here is an example of where the citizen taxpayer, who is a consumer of government services, is being misled on what it has cost and what it will cost in the future.

I believe the intent of the law was to inform the public of a measure's cost and savings in tax dollars, so they can vote with full knowledge.

Vote 'Yes' on Measure 6 to stop this waste in tax dollars.

Ginny Brewster
Sandy

Nix 3, 6

Ballot Measures 3 and 6 are causing tough debates

with our conscience. Proponents of both appeal to that old Adam in us of greed. We are led to believe that passage of Measure 3 will cut our taxes and allow us a free ride or sort of reduced fare on the cooperative enterprises we are engaged in to provide education, water, sewers, police and fire protection and government.

Doing away with land planning except at the local level also appeals to our chance to make a buck. Selling out to a developer and influencing decisions about where the sewers, waterlines and streets will run and annexations be made have prospects of making some people wads of money. It is relatively easy for local government to be swayed by a very few well known individuals.

A prime example of this is the fact Highway 26 runs through the heart of Sandy business district. Just three or four persons having a profit in the decision were able to convince the city council to reject the recommendation of the state highway department to have the highway pass around Sandy to the south. We are now stuck with an ever-increasing flow of trucks and cars and with the hazards, noise and air pollution they bring. Drivers of those cars and trucks are stuck with three stop signs and dangers of accidents at intersections.

Both Measures 3 and 6 are broad-axe slashes approaches to the pain of paying our share of civilization costs and costs of a viable future.

Voting for Measure 3 is saying to people we have elected to operate our schools, fire and police departments, city and county governments, and libraries: "We want you to do a good job for us, but we are not going to give you the means to do it."

In voting for Measure 6 to kick our land planning except at the local level, we are doing something about as bright as expecting a first-class highway to be built across our state by having each local community decide the route, width, type of pavement and quality of construction for each local portion.

W. Pete Sulzbach
Sandy

Dump Smith

You folks in the new Congressional District No. 5 have a unique opportunity. You can bring Denny Smith home and replace him with someone more in turn with reality.

Smith has hurt his old District 2 by his self-serving Reagan rubber-

stamping attitude. His record for his constituency is deplorable. As of this August unemployment in Hood River County exceeded a 16.4 percent.

About the only significant bill he has sponsored was one to increase his length of term in office. This, from Denny Smith, who has the highest annual income of any member of Oregon's Congressional delegation!

Only a suggestion: Send Ruth McFarland to Washington so that all—not just the moneyed few—will be served.

Karl Kment
Hood River

Nix self-service

To anyone wondering whether to vote for or against self-service in gas stations, I recommend that if possible you go to a state that has self-service. This is what you will find:

The price of gas in the self-service station is not less than in Oregon. In many instances it is more.

You will not receive any service, no attendant will greet you. He or she will remain in the building while you fill your own tank, and then you will go the building to pay your bill.

In this state competition in the industry has now gotten to the point where we even occasionally get our windshield washed and the oil checked.

Self-service is a step in the wrong direction. It will get you the customer nothing except the smell of gas on your hands.

If the oil companies manage to pass this self-service bill with one operator stations, their monopoly will eliminate competition. Then watch the prices go up.

Walter Kandel
Portland

Milne favored

We support Thomas A. Milne for Clackamas County Surveyor and want you to know why.

Tom is trustworthy and truly dedicated to his profession. He has a real concern for preservation of land monuments and records in Clackamas County.

He has the necessary skills and experience to maintain our land boundaries.

Because of his high level of expertise, his dedication and trustworthiness, we believe Tom is the right man for the job.

Mike and Ruth Curwick
Oregon City

Stop burner

Violation of sign statute ORS 487.150 is certainly unforgivable, and I'm sure

Oregonians for Clean Air is sorry for the inconvenience their "Stop the Garbage Burner" signs have caused Clackamas County and city officials of Gladstone, Oregon City and West Linn.

It is possible that people all over the county are mistaking these signs for "STOP" signs, however, I doubt it. This is another pro-burner attempt to confuse the real issues with trivia.

The signs "Vote Yes, Stop the Garbage Burner," although well-distributed (at least before the infraction), could never have been as effective as the recent publicizing of the so-called sign ordinance non-compliance by both local and regional news media. Therefore, those pro-burner advocates must be congratulated for inducing such widespread publicity and attention for our cause... Stop the Burner.

Thank you, and for a better quality of life for all. "Vote Yes, Stop the Garbage Burner."

Mike McCullough
Oregon City

Jones backed

The accusations made against your reporter, Michael Jones, by Carl A. Bright, were crude, to say the least.

As to the sewage spill that occurred some months ago at Rippling River, I believe it was investigated by the county and that DEQ threatened to fine Rippling River.

American Guaranty may be, as Mr. Bright says, "the largest employer on the Mountain" and the "largest contributor to property taxes." As a single contributor, yet! But collectively we individual property owners have Rippling River backed off the map. Thanks to Rippling River and other such developments that have brought "progress" to the mountain, our tax base has been raised every year. Our property taxes have gone up and up. Thanks a bundle!

Anybody may call the Oregon Real Estate Division or Better Business Bureau to find out the "truth" about Mr. Bright's real estate promotions. Why don't you?

I recall your editor earlier taking a stand in support for Jones. Is there

no support for him now? I seem to remember The Oregonian having published the same news about both Mr. Bright and Rippling River. Why doesn't Mr. Bright carp at The Oregonian?

I, for one, am not weary of the expertise of Michael P. Jones.

Bessie Parker
Brightwood

Kids okay

I usually don't write letters, but I felt that the people of Sandy should hear about some great kids. We all hear about the drugs, the booze and our teenagers, but never if they do something good. I feel we all usually lump them into one group—bad.

The freshman float this year was built at our house. At first when our daughter asked, we said "Are you kidding—no way—all those kids!" But she said, give us a chance, please. So we gave in. The freshmen that came to work on the float were all great kids, well-mannered and were always on their best behavior, believe it or not. When the parents picked them up at night, I told them how nice and well-mannered their kids were, and they said, "My kids?"

When the big night before came, the freshman float was attacked (a tradition, I was told) by upper classmen, but mostly juniors. The war started at about 6:45 and ended at about 9:45-10. The results—"a draw." At the start, my husband stopped it, and set down rules. Only 2: No breakage and no fights. Everyone abided by these rules, not just a few.

There were only 14 freshmen defending their float, but about 50 or more juniors and upperclassmen attacking. It was the biggest egg and water-balloon fight I had ever seen.

When all was over, not one thing was broken or damaged.

Sandy still has a great bunch of kids, and they all should be told that. They respect other people's property even during the heat of battle. To all the kids that were here we say, "Thanks for being a great bunch of kids."

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Burlee Jr.
Boring

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