

MAYORAL RACE

I'm disappointed in the "Endorsements" section of the May 6 edition. In it you have a section discussing the candidates for mayor. When I look at my ballot there are three listed (Nicholas has since withdrawn), yet you give no mention to Donnelly or Gross. While trying to find out more about these two candidates I discovered that both are participating in the Voluntary Campaign Finance Program, which means they are both limiting their campaign spending to \$7,500. Neither candidate you mention is participating, and the program isn't discussed at all. I don't automatically assume that a candidate is superior or inferior based on this criteria, but I think that people should know. Then again, perhaps people shouldn't turn to weeklies for information on candidates in the first place.

*Edward Brown
Eugene*

HAPPENIN' HOLVEY

I am very excited that State Representative Paul Holvey is running for the State Legislature. I have volunteered with Paul for almost 10 years and know he is dedicated to our community and state. We both were on the Steering Committee of the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network. When work needed to be done, Paul rolled up his sleeves and jumped in. He always showed great leadership and willingness to get the job done, without seeking the credit for himself.

Paul is one of the most highly principled legislators in our state. He will always speak up for families, fair taxes, decent jobs, good housing, good schools and quality of life. I know he will always prioritize the voters in our district and not the special interests. Paul would never sell out his values or ethics. We need someone with his integrity in Salem.

Eugene District 8 should vote for Paul Holvey in the May 18 primary.

*Joy Marshall
Eugene*

THE BEST CHOICE

As a leader in the Jefferson-Westside neighborhoods, I have had extensive opportunities to work with both John Simpson and his opponent in the EWEB Commissioner

race for Wards 1 and 8. Of the two candidates, John is clearly the best person to fill this important post. John Simpson understands how to work cooperatively and effectively with his peers to get the job done. John Simpson understands that customers and employees are human beings and are entitled to be treated as such. John Simpson listens and learns; he is aware that he is not an expert on everything and that others have contributions to make. John Simpson understands that there is a difference between prudent oversight and destructive micro-management and can be trusted not to cross the line between them. John Simpson understands that a commissioner's job is to help make policy and not to direct EWEB's day-to-day operations. John Simpson can be trusted to finish what he has started. I have no worries about him resigning in a snit at the first set back.

In the race for EWEB Commissioner for Wards 1 and 8, John Simpson is clearly the best choice. Elect John Simpson for EWEB Commissioner.

*David Hinkley
Eugene*

COUNTING ON COLBATH

I urge a vote for Mitzi Colbath for District 8 Oregon House State Representative. Mitzi has a proven track record as a compassionate, intelligent woman of the highest character with the skills to tackle Oregon's most pressing issues. As a CPA with prior governmental experience on the Eugene Planning Commission and as an Oregon Municipal Auditor, she can create viable solutions for our state's spending woes. Mitzi will achieve economic stability for all of us by putting money in long term investments such as education, jobs, affordable housing and health-care. Mitzi has advocated for healthy, safe, and livable communities by her personal involvement with the food bank and community gardens project and continues to work actively with our most disadvantaged citizens. An impressive array of her achievements can be viewed at www.colbath.info

*Pamela L. Wible, M.D.
Eugene*

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