



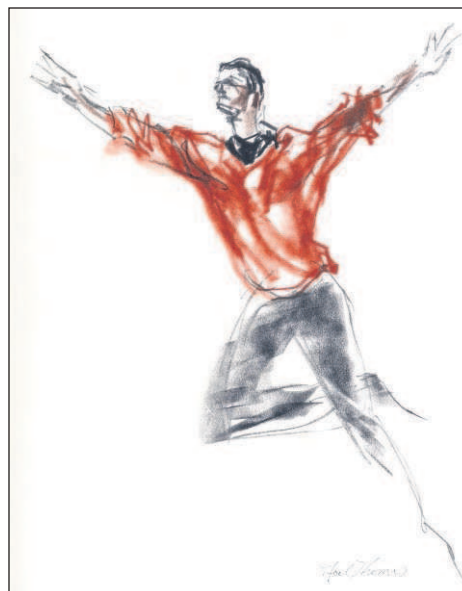
Dance Theatre of Harlem

By NOEL THOMAS
For The Daily Astorian

Last weekend I had the pleasure of sitting in on a rehearsal for Saturday night's concert at the Liberty Theater. The dancers were in constant motion, and the house was entirely dark — so dark I couldn't see my sketch pad. Blindly, I'd make a few gestural marks, then when they'd turn up the lights, I'd frantically sketch my impressions. There was little to work with, but it was great fun.

I call these memory sketches.

Noel Thomas is an Astoria artist whose work may be seen and purchased at the RiverSea Gallery, 1160 Commercial St.



Lane County commissioner considers run for governor

By PETER WONG
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken said Monday he is considering a bid for the Republican nomination for governor next year.

Democrat Kate Brown, who as secretary of state succeeded John Kitzhaber upon his resignation Feb. 18, faces an election in 2016 for the remaining two years in Kitzhaber's term.

Democrats have held the governorship for 30 years, the longest stretch by Democrats or Republicans in state history.

Leiken, who is in his second term as a commissioner, said he is in an exploratory stage as he changed his campaign committee name to Sid Leiken for Governor.

"I will spend the next several weeks going around the state to meet Oregonians



where they live, and talk about their vision for Oregon's future," Leiken said in a statement.

He becomes the third Republican to consider entering the race.

Dr. William "Bud" Pierce, a physician from Salem and a former president of the Oregon Medical Association, has announced.

Businessman Allen Alley of Lake Oswego — a former state GOP chairman, a 2010

candidate for governor and the party's 2008 nominee for state treasurer — is considering a bid.

Kitzhaber resigned amid influence-peddling and conflict-of-interest allegations against him and companion Cylvia Hayes. A federal investigation is underway; neither has been charged.

Leiken was on the Springfield City Council two years before he became mayor in 2000, and served 10 years.

Among the achievements he mentions are the call center for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, relocation of Peace Health into the center of town and new jobs at Symantec.

He launched a bid for the 4th District congressional seat in 2009, but dropped it after a question arose about documentation of a \$2,000 campaign payment to his mother, ostensibly for polling services. He later returned the money to his campaign account.



Submitted photo
Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken said Monday he's in the exploratory phases of a possible bid for the GOP nomination for governor of Oregon.

He won a seat on the five-member Lane County board in 2010.

Leiken is the grandson of Sid Leiken, a timber company owner in Roseburg who was a Democratic state representative from 1961 to 1969.

Leiken has a wife, Debbie, and two sons, Zach, 22, and Gabe, 20.

He has enlisted political consultant Chuck Adams, who has worked in a number of Republican campaigns.

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