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Seven seek chance to represent N.E. Portland

Each week between now and the Oregon Primary, May 15th, the Portland Observer will explore the candidates and issues of concern to Portland voters.

This week, we interviewed five of the seven candidates for the State Representative District 19 seat. One candidate, Gregory D. Nelson (R), could not be reached for comment. Another candidate, Thomas R. Kelly (D), declined to grant a phone interview.



ANNE S. GREENFIELD

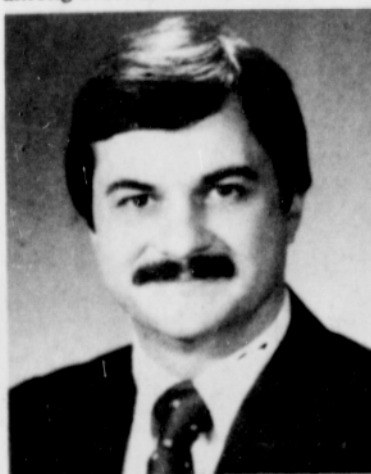
Anne S. Greenfield

Anne S. Greenfield, 36, is an attorney. She attended PSU and Lewis and Clark Law School. Her political experience includes working as an aide in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Birch Bayh and Sen. Charles Percy, and as legal counsel to Oregon House Speaker Hardy Myers during the 1981 Legislature.

She is married and has two daughters, both of whom attend Portland Public Schools. She said it is important to have her children attend schools with multi-racial enrollment. "When they're adults, this society will be very different, and I want them to understand cultural diversity."

Greenfield was a VISTA volunteer for a year in Norfolk, Virginia, where the KKK was active. It was her first glimpse of racist violence, she recalled. "I learned also from that experience that minority groups' problems cannot be solved by well-meaning outsiders. It has to come from them—with some help from outside."

She has never run for public office before, but has held positions with the Democratic party, the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, and school advisory committees, among other activities.



MARK ROTHERTH

Greenfield said she will support the Democratic party nominee for president this fall, who "looks like Mondale."

"Jesse Jackson has created a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. He's a terrific campaigner. Mondale's got to have the courage to put a Black or a woman on the ticket. The only reason Reagan won is because people didn't vote."

Mark Rotherth

Mark Rotherth ran for the District 19 Representative seat in 1982, in the Republican primary, but did not receive the nomination. He is now a registered Democrat.

Rotherth, 32, is married and has two children. He was born in Portland and attended local schools. He works at a small insurance brokerage in N.E. Portland.

His civic participation has included chairman of Concordia Neighborhood, board member of the N.E. Neighborhood Coalition, and work on the Save Adams Committee.

Rotherth explains his party label switch this way: "I was a lifelong Democrat. I got disillusioned with the Democratic party. It was a mistake. The Democratic party is where I belong."

Rotherth said he hasn't made a decision on his choice for president, but that his choice is "between Jesse Jackson and Gary Hart."

"I don't necessarily agree with Jackson's politics or how he goes about it, but he's gotten a tremendous number of people involved in the system and gotten them unified. Somebody like that deserves a vote."



ROBERT J. CASTAGNA

Robert J. Castagna

Robert J. (Bob) Castagna, 36, is an attorney and works as a legislative advocate for the Oregon Environmental Council and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. He has not run for office until now.

Castagna's political experience includes legal assistance to the legislature's Trade and Economic Committee, the Congressional Research Service, and, project manager for the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

He is married and has two children. Castagna said he supports Mondale for president "because of his foreign affairs experience. He supports the freeze and weapons limitation."

Marilyn Schultz

Marilyn Schultz, 47, is a teacher at Centennial High School. She has thrown her hat in the ring twice for the District 19 seat—once in 1980 and again in 1982. Although she won the Republican primary both times, she lost in the general election to Jane Cease.

Schultz is married and has three children. Her "pet issue," as she put it, is state-funded child care.

"I see young people with very anti-social attitudes. I see children raising children, and I see child abuse," she said. "I was a single mother once with three small children, and I found it very difficult to find good quality child care that I could afford."

"I realize the timing is unfortunate, with our financial problems in Oregon," Schultz admitted, but if elected, she would try to implement some form of child care program.



MARILYN SCHULTZ

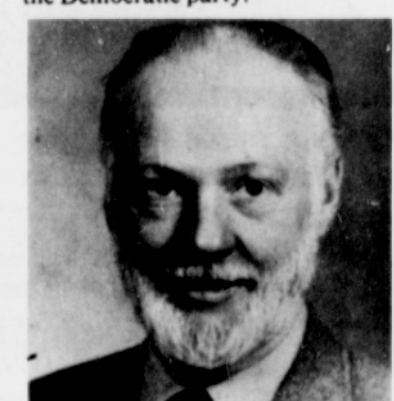
Schultz said she has no preference now with regard to the presidential race, and that, "although I'm a Republican, I'm certainly not enthralled with Reagan."

Ronald Cease

Ronald Cease is 53 and has been a professor of government and public management at PSU since 1966. He has never before run for public office because "I couldn't afford to do it." He is married to current District 19 Representative Jane Cease, who is not running for reelection, but is campaigning for a State Senate seat.

For president, Cease said he was "somewhat supportive" of Gary Hart, at first, but believes "Mondale has done well lately."

"I want so bad to beat Reagan. Any good Democrat who could do that is OK. I am concerned that the candidates are chewing on each other too much. We need unity in the Democratic party."



RONALD CEASE



Harriet Tubman Middle School social studies teacher, Mrs. Anderson, and principal, Herman Washington, show off the school's International

Week banner proclaiming "Many different cultures make a rich world." (Photo:Kamon Anderson)

It's a small world after all

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W.—The students of Harriet Tubman Middle School are learning "It's a small world after all," as the second annual International Day expands into International Week, April 30th through May 4th.

The concept developed from a foreign student doing field work at Tubman and social studies teacher, B. Anderson. "In 1980, this student was so impressed with the students' school behavior, she wanted to expose other foreign students to middle school students in Portland," Anderson said.

Principal Herman Washington said, "Portland has one of the highest concentrations of foreign students in the United States. Our International Week will provide an opportunity for our students to

compare their lifestyles and educational experiences with other people from around the world whose experiences are vastly different."

Washington also said International Week will focus on the similarities between people of all nations. The external trappings of making a living, rearing children, getting an education, love, care and concern for the family and community are all the same."

International Week saw 60 guests from 30 countries participate in various activities including an all school assembly, classroom activities, forums and the Foxfire technique of interviewing.

"The Foxfire method incorporates an oral history approach to learning by going into the community and talking with people who have lived through much of

history," Washington explained.

"Instead of going out to them, they are coming into the classroom and our students are dealing with the primary source of information," Anderson added.

She said International Week will give her better social studies students. "We have learned from our guests. Sometimes, we have shown films and some of the foreign students have seen them. They told us that image was outdated. From that interaction, we have discovered the need to update our media center."

Washington added, "Each year, we try to do more things that will intellectually stimulate and culturally uplift them. Our students will learn more about the world and other people, and in turn, they would want to know more about themselves."



Lindberg/Piacentini The debate goes on



by Chuck Goodmacher

One of the hottest local election contests to be decided on May 15th is between City Commissioner Mike Lindberg and challenger Carl Piacentini. The importance of the race is highlighted by the \$200,000 plus war chests amassed by each side. Accompanying the money spending is a great deal of mudslinging: Portland historian E. Kimbark McCall says more blatant distortions have been used by one of the candidates in this race than in any since the 1800's.

Underneath it all are two candidates with clearly different perceptions of the Portland of today, and equally divergent visions of the Portland of tomorrow. These two visions clashed, once again, last Thursday evening at the Rose City Park United Methodist Church, during the last of three debates between the two candidates. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon sponsored the debate.

Nearly all of the roughly 300 spectators to the debate were present to cheer on their favored candidate and to jeer the opponent before television cameras. Several referen-

ces were made throughout the evening by candidates and audience about earlier incidents of the campaign: a row over alleged illegal placement and destruction of lawn signs; the acknowledged theft of newspapers (carrying critical articles) by Piacentini family members; and the use of "conceptual truths" in advertising to strongly imply certain things about the incumbent's record.

Piacentini began the debate by asserting he and Lindberg are "in reality...not that far apart" on the problems, but are, in the solutions they propose. This difference, claimed candidate Piacentini, is because he's "not a politician." Piacentini said he was running to "get Portland and Oregon moving again," and said a major obstacle in economic development is Portland's reputation for being soft on crime. "I am extremely proud," he added, "to have the strong endorsement of the Portland Police Union."

Piacentini listed his major goals in office as:

- a growing downtown;
- a thriving convention center;
- safer parks;
- to have police respected by

- young and old alike;
- business and city hall acting as partners;
- a city-wide garbage franchise;
- first-rate public education; and,
- sensible mass transit.

Claiming "never before has the difference between two candidates been more pronounced," Lindberg listed his ideals for Portland:

- a place where bold, innovative thinkers thrive;
- strong neighborhoods;
- economic growth which means decent jobs for all;
- preservation of clean air, water and open space;
- caring for all segments of society; and,
- public safety through law and order with justice.

Lindberg noted he has developed a comprehensive platform and strong record on these and other issues and claimed, "my opponent offers no concrete platform. His vision," continued Lindberg, "is 'bye-bye bureaucracy,' well, who is the bureaucracy? It's the police officers, parks and sanitation workers...and damn it, this government has worked and that's why we're one of (Please turn to page 14, column 1)