

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Oregon boasts true rainbow

The recent misinformation making the headlines in the mass media is that the Rainbow Coalition glows with only one color.

However, this analysis ignores the limitations of many in white America who refuse to vote for a Black man for president.

They are using the old "blame the victim" strategy that underlies institutional thought in America. It states that poor people are poor because they want to be on welfare, sick people are sick in order to live off the hospitality of the state and affirmative action is reverse racism.

But non-white and low-income people are awake while living through the American dream of inequality, under education and political stagnation. Their collective hope is reflected in

the Rainbow Coalition. That sum total is Jesse Jackson.

When the national media looks at Oregon Tuesday, we hope their preconceived notions about the Rainbow Coalition will not hamper their assessment of the hues of colors that support Jesse Jackson.

In Oregon, the Rainbow Coalition shines and if Jackson does not come here it is because he, in spirit, never left. The Coalition can be seen, felt and will survive beyond November. When the national media pauses in Oregon Tuesday, let us show them the true rainbow of commonality and concern. Put their misinformation to rest by voting for the colors of tomorrow. The Rainbow Coalition glows in Oregon.

Balance the scale

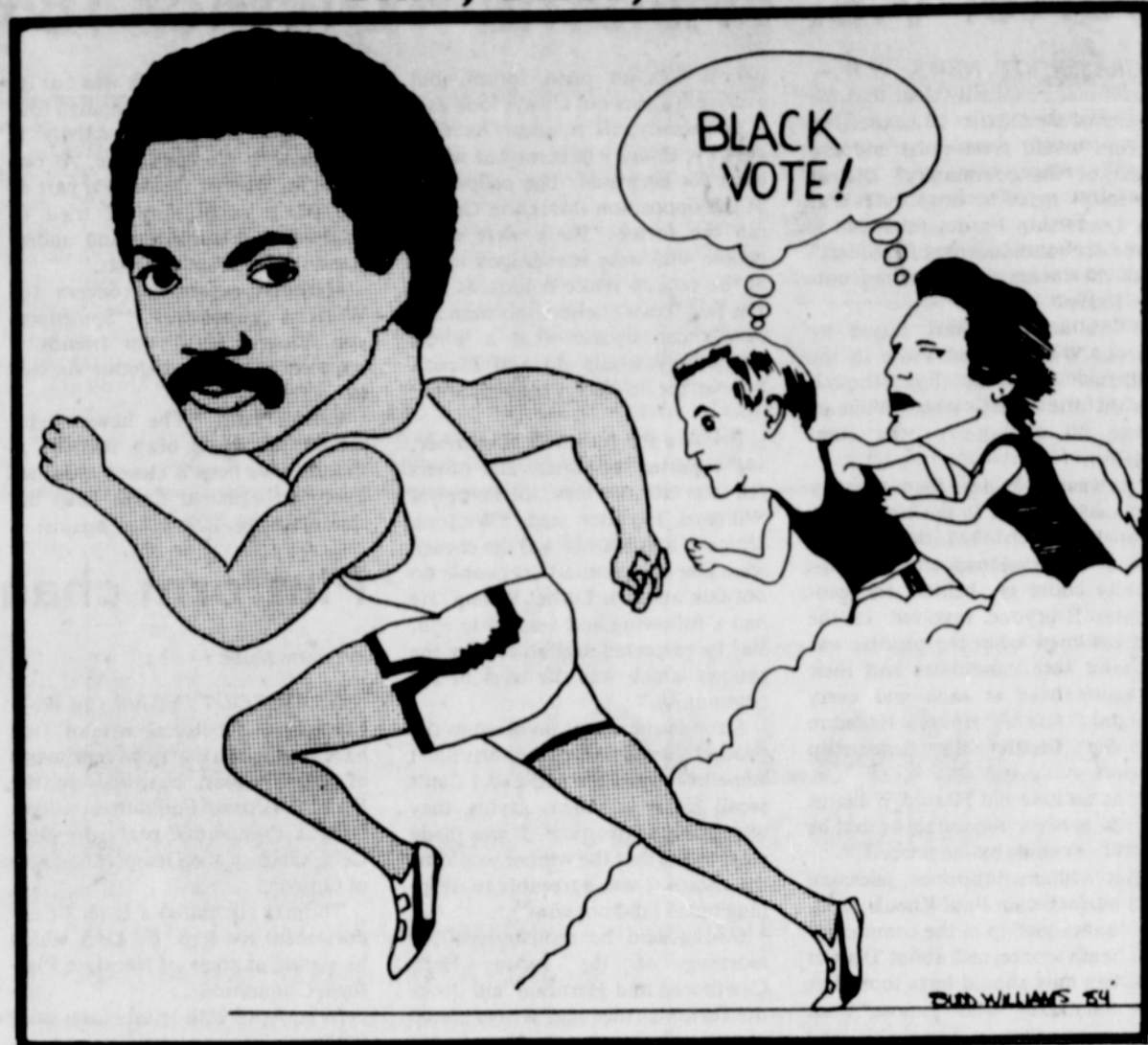
The unbalanced scale of Portland's legal profession has again tilted unfairly against Judge Mercedes F. Deiz in last week's *Oregonian* judicial-performance survey. Three hundred and eleven lawyers gave Deiz the second lowest rating as a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge.

In a city where you can count the number of Afro-American attorneys on one hand, that impression of Deiz is created by a legal profession which still regards the Afro-American as three-fifths of a person.

One lawyer stated, "She tries to be a social worker ...and is unable to hide feelings." As

citizens, we should rejoice in the knowledge that a human being is on the bench and not merely a legal textbook without the depth of experience that being a Black woman in white America affords.

Judge Deiz is of uncommon valor and her compassion for the dispossessed is limitless. If Deiz has no comprehension of law, fairness or integrity, why has no one ever filed to take the bench away from her? It is because they know it would be a downhill fight in a bottomless pit. The people would vote to retain her. Deiz is a people's judge. All we ask when appraising the judicial rating is that you consider the source.



OBSERVER ENDORSEMENTS

NATIONAL OFFICES

JESSE JACKSON

President. Jesse Jackson is clearly our choice—not just because of his excellent stand on so many crucial issues, but also because of the rainbow coalition around his candidacy here in Oregon and the hope it brings for lasting political change.

MARGIE HENDRIKSEN

United States Senator. The *Observer* urges readers to vote for Margie Hendriksen. Hendriksen has proven to be a very effective legislative leader while remaining a spokesperson for crucial progressive issues such as affirmative action, comparable worth and progressive income tax reform.

STATE OFFICES

BARBARA ROBERTS

Secretary of State. Barbara Roberts is the clear choice for this important position. Her voting record is similar to her opponent's, but Roberts is distinguished by her willingness to advocate for human needs, exhibited during 20 years at public service.

GRATTAN KERANS

Treasurer. Grattan Kerans is unopposed in the primary. The *Observer* endorses him because of his continued support for divestment of Oregon State funds from South Africa as proposed by State Representative Jim Hill (D-Salem).

MARGARET CARTER

House District #18 Margaret Carter is the one candidate who can truly represent all of the people in the district. The *Observer* believes Carter will do an excellent job of articulating the needs of her constituents and of fighting for them when necessary.

ANNE GREENFIELD

House District #19. The *Observer* urges District 19 readers to vote for Anne Greenfield. Greenfield has proven her commitment through years of community service and, as demonstrated by her endorsement of the Homestead Exemption for property tax relief, will be a thoughtful and courageous representative.

State Senate #8. The *Observer* makes no endorsement in this race

since none of the candidates has proven his ability to represent the diverse interests of the districts constituents. Bill McCoy is widely respected by his colleagues in Salem, but as his opposition to the creation of a Black house district (District 18) and his proposal for a governor's mansion show, he is off track with the wishes of his constituents. Steven McElroy simply doesn't have enough experience and lacks any depth of knowledge on many crucial issues. Wally Priestley's nine terms as a representative show his effectiveness at raising issues, but he lacks significant positive accomplishments. Bill Stevenson, a former State Labor Commissioner and senator, favors too large tax breaks for big business.

CITY AND COUNTY

BUD CLARK

Mayor of Portland. Bud Clark is the easy choice here. Clark's strong support of small business and neighborhood revitalization, along with his willingness to openly solicit creative solutions, would be a refreshing break from the current conservative administration.

MIKE LINDBERG

City Council #1. Mike Lindberg deserves the support of everyone who wants the Council to actively create a city where meaningful jobs are available for all, where neighborhoods retain their unique identity, and where crime is recognized as a social, not just an individual, problem.

CHARLES JORDAN

City Council #3. The *Observer* endorses Charles Jordan. He is a proven, effective administrator who has fought to make Portland a more livable city by initiating the Neighborhood Mediation Project, Mounted Horse Patrol and Neighborhoods Against Crime programs, among others.

JOE LANE

County Clerk. As County Clerk, Joe Lane will not only professionally manage the Elections Division, he'll do his best to educate non-voters about the election process. The *Observer* endorses Joe Lane.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

JUDITH BAUMAN

District Court, Dept. 2. The *Observer* endorses Judith Bauman. Bauman's experience as a Deputy District Attorney/Prosecutor, her

commitment to improving the legal system and ability to communicate widely make her well qualified to be a District Court Judge.

ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

Circuit Court, Dept. 5. The *Observer* endorses Roosevelt Robinson. His legal experience, tough stand on crime combined with support for funding creative alternatives to jail sentences and his pledge to go into the schools to speak about crime and the legal system, make him the obvious choice.

AARON BROWN, JR.

District Court, Dept. 8. Aaron Brown, Jr., is the candidate endorsed by the *Observer* for this position. During 14 years in judicial service, he has demonstrated a no-nonsense approach and the crucial ability to communicate well with a variety of people.

MERCEDES DEIZ

Circuit Court, Dept. 18. Since 1970, Mercedes Deiz has been a competent, fair judge with the integrity to stand behind her concern for our city's youth. The *Observer* thinks she has earned our support.

BALLOT MEASURES

#1. The *Observer* recommends a "no" vote on ballot measure one. Although some public works are needed, money raised with bonds approved by this measure would primarily benefit rural areas and there is no guarantee the public works would create jobs for those most needy.

#2. A "no" vote is recommended here. Fees for motor vehicles should be based on weight since heavier cars damage roads the most and increasing fees at a flat rate is discriminatory to low-income citizens.

#3. A "yes" vote for number three is important for the future. A good library system is crucial for quality education and an informed voting public.

#4. The agency running public libraries should be accountable to the public and this measure will do that. The *Observer* recommends a "yes" vote.

#5. A "no" vote is recommended on this measure by the *Observer*. The vast majority of this money will go for more jail beds. The miniscule rehabilitation program funding is offered as a carrot to progressive voters rather than representing a change of emphasis.

NATIONAL	
For President of the United States. Vote for One	
12 JOHN GLENN	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 GARY HART	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 JESSE JACKSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 LYNDON H. LA ROUCHE, JR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 WALTER MONDALE	<input type="checkbox"/>
For United States Senator. Vote for One	
17 MARGIE HENDRIKSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 SAM KAHL	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATE	
For Secretary of State. Vote for One	
21 STEVE ANDERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 JIM GARDNER	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 JACK REYNOLDS	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 BARBARA ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For State Treasurer. Vote for One	
25 GRATTAN KERANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

For State Representative, Eighteenth Representative District. Vote for One	
53 MARGARET L. CARTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
54 ED LEEK	<input type="checkbox"/>
55 HAROLD WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representative, Nineteenth Representative District. Vote for One	
56 ROBERT J. (BOB) CASTAGNA	<input type="checkbox"/>
57 RON GEASE	<input type="checkbox"/>
58 ANNE S. GREENFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
59 THOMAS R. KELLY	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 MARK ROTHERT	<input type="checkbox"/>

For State Senator, Eighth Senatorial District. Vote for One	
31 WILLIAM (BILL) MCCOY	<input type="checkbox"/>
32 STEPHEN D. McELROY	<input type="checkbox"/>
33 WALLY PRIESTLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 BILL STEVENSON	<input type="checkbox"/>

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF PORTLAND	
For Mayor. Vote for One	
128 NORMAN A. BERBERICK	<input type="checkbox"/>
129 J. E. (BUD) CLARK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
130 FRANK IVANCIE	<input type="checkbox"/>
131 STAN KAHN	<input type="checkbox"/>
132 JOE KEAR	<input type="checkbox"/>
133 JEFFREY JOSEPH JAMES LIDDICOAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Commissioner Pos. #1. Vote for One	
134 MIKE LINDBERG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
135 CARL PIACENTINI	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Commissioner Pos. #4. Vote for One	
136 CHARLES JORDAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
137 JAMES D. McDONALD	<input type="checkbox"/>

COUNTY	
For County Clerk (2-Year Unexpired Term). Vote for One	
116 VICKI ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
117 BOB GOLDSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
118 JOE LANE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
119 DALE ALAN PRICE	<input type="checkbox"/>
120 RODNEY C. TOETEMEIER	<input type="checkbox"/>

JUDICIARY BALLOT	
FOR JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, DEPARTMENT 2. VOTE FOR ONE:	
85 JUDITH C. BAUMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
86 WILLIAM J. KEYS	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, DEPARTMENT 8. VOTE FOR ONE:	
87 F. ROBERT BLETKO	<input type="checkbox"/>
88 AARON BROWN, JR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, 4TH DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT 5. VOTE FOR ONE:	
75 NICK ALBRECHT	<input type="checkbox"/>
76 STEPHEN L. GALLAGHER, JR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
77 ALBERT W. HOGUET	<input type="checkbox"/>
78 TOM P. PRICE	<input type="checkbox"/>
79 ROOSEVELT ROBINSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, 4TH DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT 18. VOTE FOR ONE:	
102 MERCEDES F. DEIZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

STATE MEASURES	
REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
STATE MAY BORROW AND LEND MONEY FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS	
QUESTION: Shall the state be allowed to borrow and lend money for public works projects for community development?	
1	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INCREASES FEES FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
QUESTION: Shall the fees for the licensing and registration of motor vehicles be increased?	
2	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

COUNTY MEASURES	
REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
THREE-YEAR SERIAL LEVY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES	
QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County be authorized to levy \$3,000,000 outside constitutional limits each year for three years commencing 1984/1985?	
3	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

CREATION OF A MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION	
QUESTION: Shall there be established a Multnomah County Library Commission to operate the Multnomah County Library system?	
4	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

THREE YEAR SERIAL LEVY FOR COUNTY JUSTICE SERVICES	
QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County be authorized to levy \$5,150,399 outside constitutional limits each year for three years commencing 1984/85?	
5	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DISTRICT MEASURES PORT OF PORTLAND	
REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND	
BONDS TO REBUILD AND EXPAND PORT DOCKS	
QUESTION: Shall the Port of Portland issue up to \$40 million of General Obligation Bonds to rebuild Marine Terminal 2?	
26-3	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT	
CONTINUES SERIAL LEVY DEDICATED TO THE ZOO	
QUESTION: Shall the Metropolitan Service District continue to levy \$5,000,000 each year for three years for the Washington Park Zoo?	
26-4	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>