

# The Portland Observer Endorsements

## Governor's Race

The Portland Observer endorses Democratic candidate Neil Goldschmidt for governor over Republican Norma Paulus. Goldschmidt has proven throughout his political career that he is a person who gets things done. He has a distinguished record of public service, having served as Mayor of Portland, as a high-ranking executive with Nike, and as U.S. Secretary of Transportation.



During Goldschmidt's tenure as Mayor, he successfully attracted new business, while promoting the growth of existing ones, and overseeing a development agenda that has produced over \$1 billion in private investment in the last 12 years.

Goldschmidt's ability to create jobs, his managerial skills, and business contacts are just what the state needs to get out of the recession we are presently in. The Observer recommends that Neil Goldschmidt be elected as Oregon's 33rd governor on November 4th.

## United States Senate

The Observer endorses Republican Bob Packwood over Democrat Rick Bauman. During his 18 years in the U.S. Senate, Packwood has constantly promoted the interests of his constituents.

As chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations and Finance Committees, Packwood is in a position to improve Oregon's sluggish economy by convincing the federal government to give ship repair contracts to Oregon yards.

Senator Packwood was one of the principal sponsors of the most radical tax reform measures in this nation's history. The bill closed many of the tax loopholes for the wealthy, while easing the burden on the poor and middle-class. Oregon needs the experience and leadership that Packwood possesses, therefore, we recommend that Senator Bob Packwood be re-elected to the U.S. Senate.

## Measures

### No on Measure 6

Ballot Measure 6 is a proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution which would prohibit the state from funding abortions. The measure contains only one exception—to "prevent the death of the mother." There would be no exception for women who are pregnant as a result of forcible rape, for children who are victims of incest, or for many women with serious health problems such as kidney disease or diabetes.

Measure 6 is an attempt by abortion opponents to force their beliefs on individuals who are least politically powerful. Ballot Measure 6 is designed to reduce access to abortion for poor women in Oregon. The Observer asks its readers to vote a resounding no on Measure 6.

### No on Measure 14

Ballot Measure 14 would stop the production of electricity at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant from December 4, 1986, until the Energy Facility Siting Council finds a permanent radioactive waste disposal site.

We think shutting down Trojan is unnecessary because the plant has been operating safely for over 10 years. In addition, Trojan is the least expensive source of electricity in the state and provides 20 percent of the electricity used by Oregonians.

The fears raised by proponents of Measure 14 are understandable, however, we feel those fears are without warrant.

Vote no on 14.

### No on Measure 15

Ballot Measure 15 would change the legal definition of radioactive waste in Oregon. Measure 15 is aimed directly at the Teledyne Wah Chang company because of its production of zirconium, hafnium and niobium.

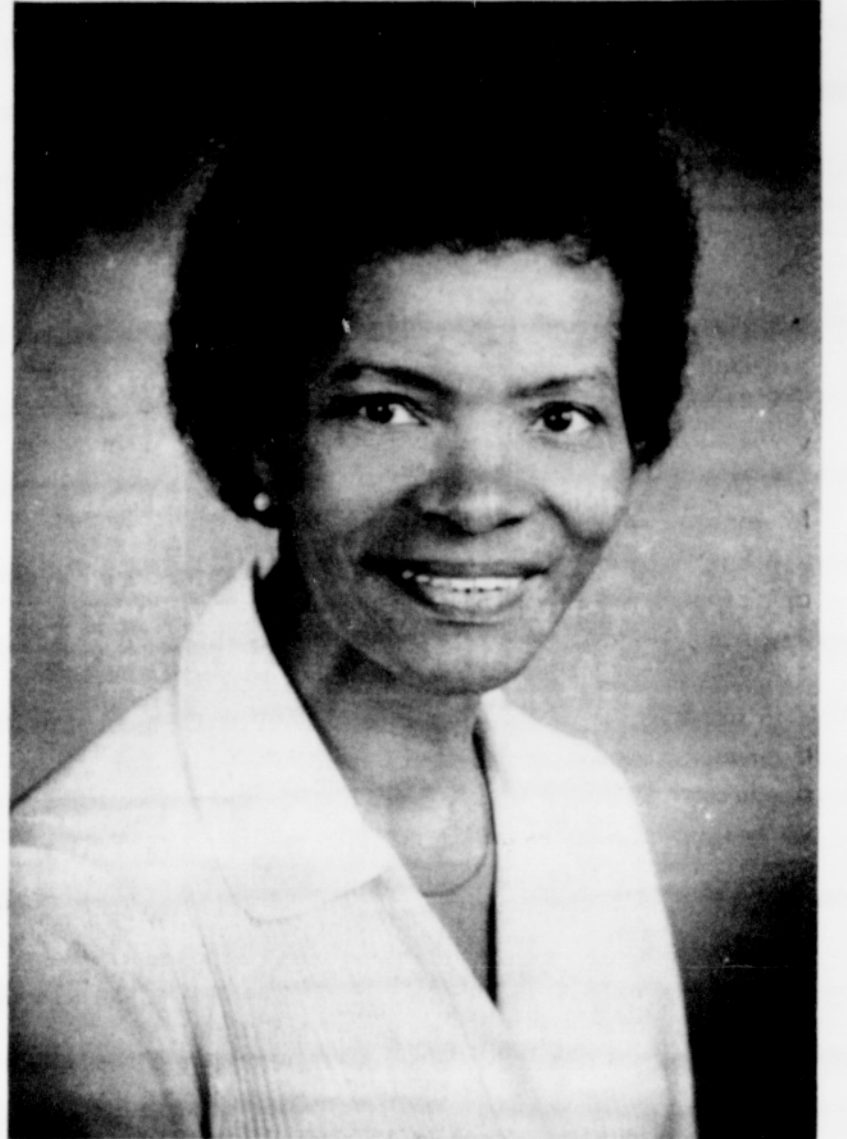
Proponents of Measure 15 allege that Wah Chang has the worst toxic waste dump in Oregon. However, the sites have passed inspections by state health, environmental and energy agencies and independent study groups.

Equally important, if Measure 15 is passed, it would have a negative impact on the state's economy. Wah Chang puts over \$1 million a week into Oregon's economy through payroll benefits. Vote no on Measure 15.

## Multnomah County Chair

The Observer endorses Gladys McCoy for Multnomah County Chair. McCoy has experience and leadership abilities, making her qualified for the chair position. Having served as county commissioner for six years, three years as Oregon Ombudsman, and eight years of the Portland School Board display these qualities.

McCoy has proposed genuine plans to find workable solutions for the



creation of jobs; an effective criminal justice plan; improved health and mental health programs; addressing the needs of youth and the homeless; and confronting problems of the elderly.

This position is critical, in that it carries with it both executive and legislative functions. McCoy has proven her competence to do the job. The Observer recommends that Gladys McCoy be elected Multnomah County Chair.

## POSAF ON SOUTH AFRICA

### Call To Conscience Emergency Response Network Is Activated

The national Call to Conscience Emergency Response network activated its national alert system today to protest South Africa's support of the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) movement, a group attempting to overthrow the Mozambican government.

The call also targeted Congressional representatives with demands that they challenge the U.S. government to exert maximum pressure on the South Africans not to invade Mozambique with troops which already are mobilized along Mozambique's border.

The Call to Conscience network also said its network will hold memorial services for Mozambican President Samora Machel, who died in a plane crash last Sunday, October 19th. "Memorial services will be held in all 50 states and will include teach-ins on Southern Africa, as well as more somber gatherings," said Venita Vinson, Co-Chair of the Call to Conscience effort.

The Call to Conscience Emergency Response Network is a national Response network managed by a National Steering Committee of 22 people, 11 of whom represent national organizations working on the issues

of Southern Africa. Eleven regional coordinators work with 50 state coordinators, who direct hundreds of local networks in all 50 states. The Call to Conscience effort was organized after the first State of Emergency was declared in South Africa. The call was established to try to better coordinate concern in this country around the violence and oppression in South and Southern Africa," Vinson said.

A partial list of participating organizations include: The American Committee on Africa, Washington Office on Africa, TransAfrica, The American Friends Service Committee, Clergy and Laity Concerned, Episcopal Churchpeople for a Free Southern Africa, National Black United Front, National Free South Africa Movement, National Namibia Concerns, United States Student Association, National Political Congress of Black Women.

For additional information, call Jerry Herman, the Call to Conscience National Contact person at 215/241-7169 or, Co-Chairs: Venita Vinson, Denver, Colorado Off., 303/866-1230; Avel Gordly, Portland, Oregon Off., 503/230-9427.



## Healthwatch

by Steven Bailey, N.D.

### Health Care For the Medically Indigent

"The Elephant sweep under the rug" is how Sylvia Davidson, chair for the Legislative task force on Indigent Health Care described our current status on care for the indigent. Unlike minor problems that can be swept under the carpet with little visibility, the failure to meet the needs of our poor is of such a great visibility that no one is deceived by attempts to hide the true nature of the problem. Mrs. Davidson addressed the Joint Committee on Health Care with recommendations from her committee on how to best improve our delivery of care to the indigent.

The recommendations by the Advisory (task force) Committee were numerous and included the following:

1) Expansion of the state's assistance programs in order to receive greater federal support for these recipients. Her committee feels that an additional 50,000 Oregonians could be served with this approach which would be funded at 66% federal dollars.

2) Provide additional incentives for employers to expand employment-based health insurance. Many of our indigents are full-time workers.

3) Establishment of a state-wide basic health

plan (modeled after the McDermott proposals of Washington State) to allow the uninsured poor the opportunity to enroll in managed health plans. Don Clark's SHP (State Health Plan) would be preferred, but is less likely of passage in the near future.

4) State support of clinics which provide primary care for Oregonians, especially in the areas of care for children and pregnant women.

5) Development of a state health trust fund dedicated to financing state health care programs for the poor and uninsured.

6) Development of a state office to continue research and work towards sound health programs for the indigent. The committee felt that this is an ongoing concern, and that an ongoing staff should continue with the needed work and research.

While there are no easy solutions to this long-standing problem, the Advisory Committee has helped set a sound foundation towards improving Oregon's care for its indigent. Many thanks to the members of this and other state task forces on health issues for their work in helping make the 1987 Legislature an educated and, hopefully, effective body in the area of state health issues.

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## Letters to the Editor

### We Appreciate Your Help

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for including an article and photograph about Metro Crisis Intervention Service in the September 17 Portland Observer. We appreciate your letting your readers know about the volunteer opportunities and the services available to the community.

I would also like to offer our services to you if you are seeking background information for future stories.

Our professional staff has expertise in many areas of mental health such as suicide, alcohol and drug users, domestic violence, stress and mental illness.

Please feel free to call on us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Kolberg  
Community Relations Coordinator

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