

BUSINESS

Labor Commissioner Candidate Pushes Jobs

Economy, apprenticeships, civil rights promoted

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A southeast Portland lawmaker is making jobs, the recruitment of students to apprenticeship programs and workplace civil rights protections as the top issues in his campaign for state Labor Commissioner.

Dan Gardner is a southeast Portland Democrat running for the non-partisan labor post in the May Primary. He has served in the state Legislature as minority leader.

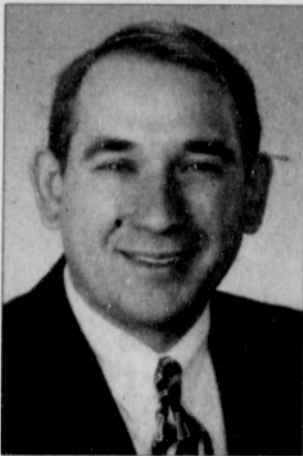
Gardner said the number one issue in his campaign is Oregon's sour economy and high jobless rate.

"We should not be number one in unemployment," he said.

Promising to run the labor department from a jobs perspective, Gardner pledges to work harder to diversify the economy, and lesson the blow from a high-tech jobs sector that has been laying off workers.

He said Oregon needs more investment in transportation to lure new industry to the state.

Gardner said his second priority was getting more local students hired in trade professions by providing voca-



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tional and technical training.

"In our schools it's too often college, college, college," he explained.

He said many high school graduates would do well to pursue labor careers through the state's 171 apprenticeship programs, but either don't know about the trades or are not getting the message.

Gardner, who is an electrician and graduate of an apprenticeship program, said he would do more to promote apprenticeships at job fairs.

He said the state could adopt a program used in Washington where state officials gave school counselors training sessions on apprenticeship programs that worked to turn them into advocates for the trades.

Gardner promises to work for fairness in employment, increasing job prospects for women and minorities.

He said the enforcement of workplace civil rights laws would round out his priorities in office.

Gardner also is a co-sponsor of a campaign to increase the minimum wage.

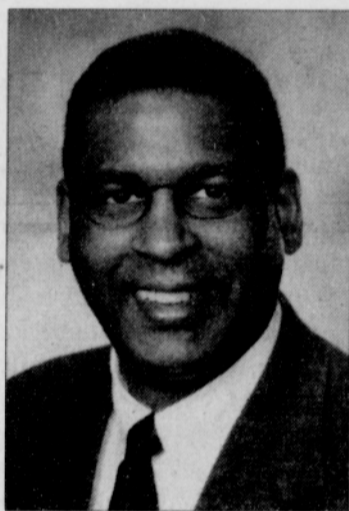
"We have to do more to close the gap between rich and poor," he said.

Finance Expert Hired at Wells Fargo

David Tillery of Portland has been hired as vice president and regional operations manager for Wells Fargo's Home Equity Group.

He assumes responsibility for the management of 500 Wells Fargo employees who process applications for home equity loans and lines of credit in Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska.

Tillery has 18 years of experience in financial services. Before joining



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Wells Fargo, he held senior management positions in retail credit and consumer lending in Ohio, Kentucky and Texas.

Tillery earned a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. He also graduated from the Darden School of Business Execu-

tive Development Program at the University of Virginia.

Department of Revenue Web Site Lists Unclaimed Checks

The Oregon Department of Revenue is using the latest technology to return money to more than 18,000 taxpayers.

The department's web site, www.dor.state.or.us, now lists the names of taxpayers who are owed unclaimed refunds. Most are kicker rebates, although some are from

other tax programs the department administers.

When the postal service returns an undeliverable check, department staff searches for the new address. If a new address is not located, the name of the check's owner is posted on the web site.

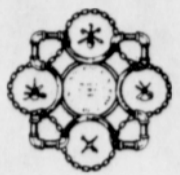
To receive their refund, taxpayers whose names are on the list can com-

plete a check request form, available on the web site, and mail it to the department.

"Just as it is important that we collect Oregon taxes, it is important that we get tax refunds to those who are entitled to them," said Elizabeth Harchenko, department of revenue director.



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✓ Minimum requirements to qualify for an interview: 1) Minimum 18 years old (proof of age required); 2) high school graduate with minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA (official transcript required) or equivalent GED (certificate with scores required); 3) one year high school algebra with minimum final grade of "C" or college equivalent, or must present current math placement test results from a community college indicating a placement beyond high school level algebra.

✓ All official transcripts, GED certificates and math placement results must be mailed directly to the Tualatin Training Center from the issuing institution by July 5, 2002.

✓ All qualified applicants will be interviewed in Tualatin the week of July 22-26, 2002. Interview notices will be mailed.

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