

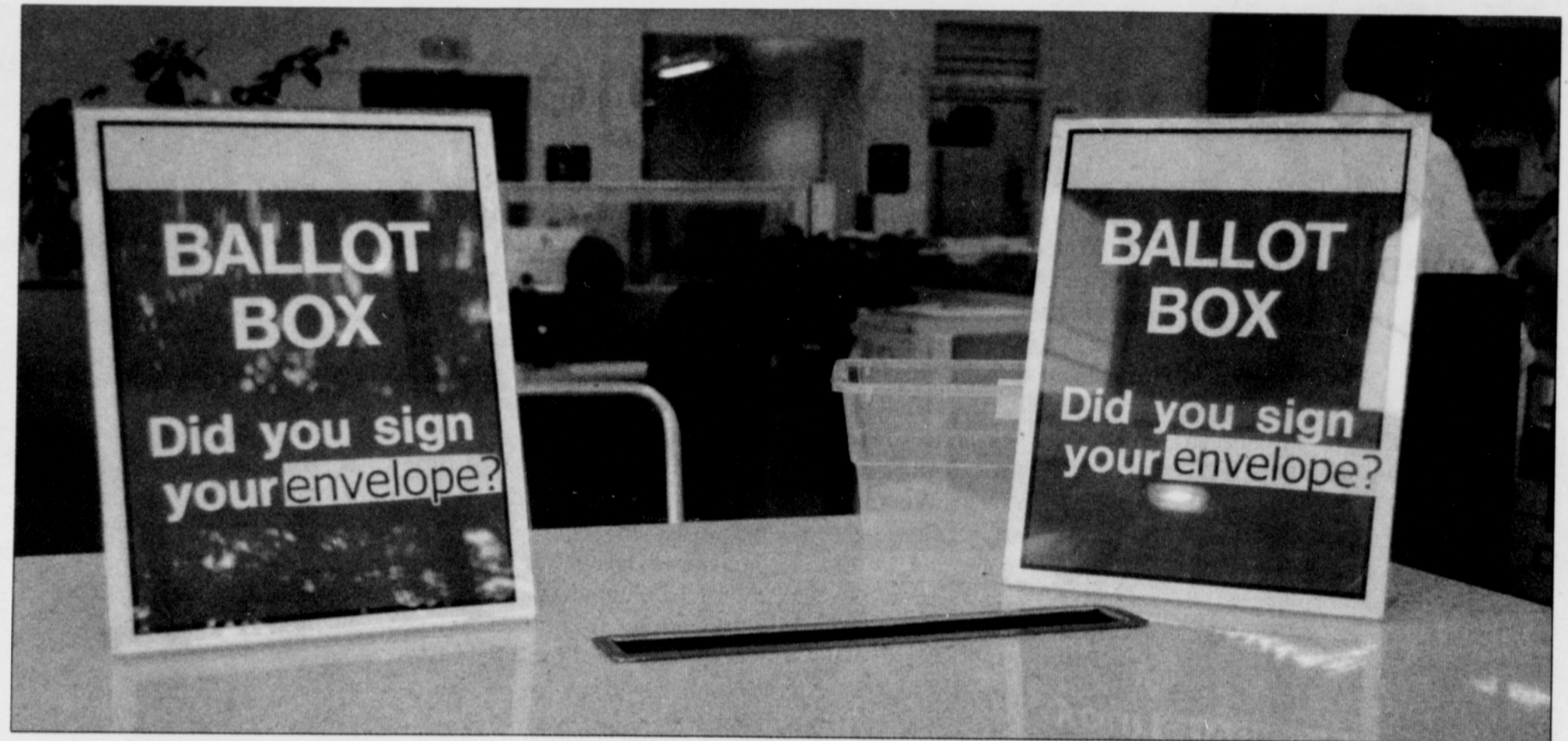
Power of the Vote

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ton. The Coalition for Communities of Color, along with the Urban League of Portland, have thrown their support behind Measure 88 because it would allow undocumented residents the privilege and safety of driving legally. Some polls suggest that this might be the most contentious issue on the ballot. It is still unclear how likely it is that Measure 88 will pass.

Measure 89 looks to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the use of language that denies or abridges women's rights. It is supported by the Vote Equal Rights Amendment group, Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. It is worth nothing the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon opposes the measure, mostly because they support the same movement at a federal level, not a state level.

Measure 90 would create an open, top-two primary election system. This is opposed by both Democrats and Republicans because it would allow the top two candidates, re-



Information about voting and the requirements for a ballot envelope to be signed in order to be counted are in full view at the Multnomah County Elections Office at 1040 S.E. Morrison St. Ballots must also be received by 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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gardless of party affiliation to run in November general elections. It is worth nothing that the Oregon Green Party, the Progressive Party, and Protect Our Vote are all also against this measure. Proponents see the measure as a way to make politics less partisan.

Measure 91 would legalize recre-

ational marijuana and task the Oregon Liquor Control Commission with regulation of its sale. Proponents, including Drug Policy Oregon, point out that 12,000 arrests could be avoided if recreational marijuana were legalized, thus freeing up officers and other resources for violent criminals instead of petty drug charges. The opposition, including the American Medical Association, would like better awareness on marijuana edibles' packaging written into such a measure.

Measure 92 would push for the labelling of all genetically modified food to be labelled as such or containing such. This would allow consumers to make their own choice on

whether or not to ingest such materials. Opponents argue the measure would put Oregon out-of-step with other states and raise food costs.

The races for Oregon Governor and U.S. Senator dominate elections to state and local offices. Gov. John Kitzhaber, a Democrat, seeks re-election, and is up against the Republican opponent Dennis Richardson. Kitzhaber is supported by Working Families Party of Oregon. Richardson is currently a member of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Democrat Jeff Merkley seeks re-election to the U.S. Senate and is challenged by Republican nominee Monica Wehby, a Portland physician. Merkley made news recently

when he brought Vice President Joe Biden to Portland for a campaign rally and then made an unannounced visit to the northeast Alberta Street ice cream shop, Salt & Straw.

The City of Portland will ask voters to pass Measure Number 26-159, which is a proposition to renew a bond levy for parks to fix playgrounds and improve park facilities. Portland Public Schools asks voters to renew a property tax bond levy dedicated for educational programs in Measure 26-161.

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