

Voters cost to woo

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For many Salem-Keizer School District officials, much of the summer has been given over to wooing voters.

The district has spent most of its time since school let out in early June trying to eke out an operating budget for the 1985-86 school year.

On Aug. 13, the district will take a second shot at getting voters to pass a property tax levy request of \$40.1 million.

It seems that the district's public relations employees are aware that the election is cutting into other summer activities. They have begun touting the election as a right to be exercised between picnics and softball games.

And the district is making certain it includes information about absentee ballots for vacationing voters.

The levy request of \$40.1 million is \$121,000 — and one day — short of the operating levy voters soundly defeated June 25.

A week after the defeat of the original levy, the school board, with two members absent, approved re-submitting the defeated levy without any cuts. However, the day before the election filing deadline, the full board opted to trim \$121,000 from the request.

The district cut about \$25,000 worth of textbooks, about \$66,000 in staff positions, more than \$15,000 in supplies and more than \$14,000 from uncollectable taxes.

The levy provides about half of the district's general fund budget. The state kicks in 35 percent; the rest is garnered from the federal government, interest income and other sources.

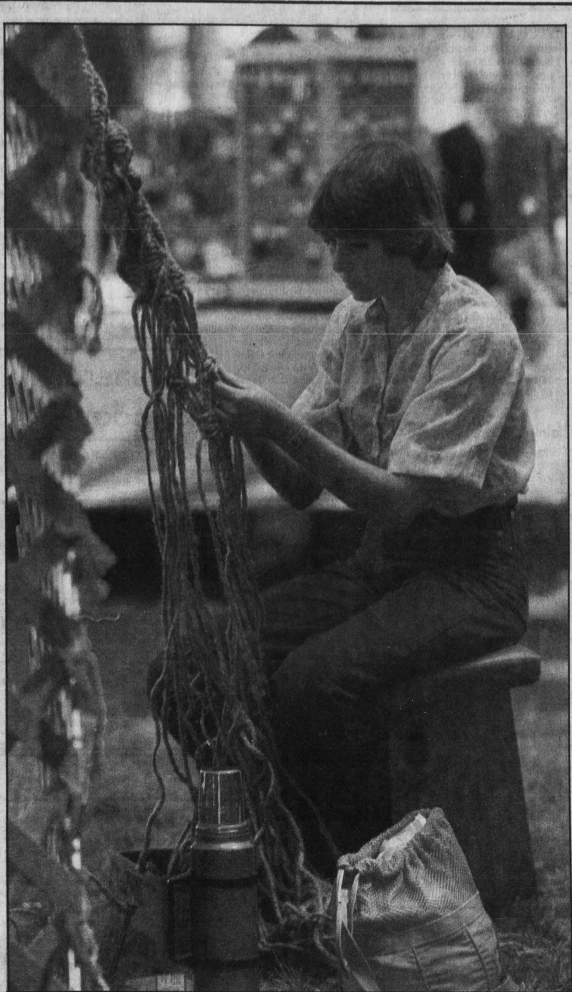
If the \$40.1-million levy is approved, the cost to taxpayers would be \$11.92 for every \$1,000 of assessed value. Combined with already approved levies for kindergarten and construction, the cost to Salem-Keizer taxpayers for school in 1985-86 would be \$14.22 per \$1,000.

The owner of a \$50,000 home would pay an estimated \$711.

In April, school Superintendent Bill Kendrick introduced an \$80-million general fund budget paid for largely with a \$45.1-million property tax levy request.

Taxpayers would have had to pony up about 69 cents more for

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CRAFTY — Denise Ames of Silverton works on a macrame creation in her booth at Homer Davenport Days in Silverton. The events con-

tinued today, with davenport races scheduled in downtown Silverton. Arts, crafts and food booths will be open again today.

Statesman-Journal photo by Gerry Lewin

Retiree wins \$2.3 million

Lottery has second big winner

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A Klamath Falls man, who said he considered himself a unlucky person, cashed in on a \$2.3 million prize Saturday in the Oregon Lottery.

Albert Young, 72, a retired state Forestry Department employee, won 20 annual payments of \$117,588 each when he spun the wheel and the orange ball fell in the jackpot slot.

Since 20 percent goes immediately to federal and state income taxes, his checks will run \$94,050 each.

Young, the 138th player to spin the jackpot wheel since the lottery began April 25, was the second person to walk away with the grand prize.

The first jackpot winner was Aurora farmer Dick Anderson, who won almost \$7.5 million on July 6.

Young had told lottery officials before the spin that he would buy a new house if he won the big prize.

Afterward, he jokingly added that he also would buy a new coffee can.

Young, who bought his winning ticket at a Klamath Falls market, said he plays the lottery two or three times a week when he goes grocery shopping.

He said his wife, Freta, could not attend the weekly lottery wheel spin

because she was at home recovering from back surgery.

He said she had warned him not to call and wake her up unless he won the jackpot.

After calling her to pass on the good news, he said: "I don't think she even believes me."

He said his total winnings of \$2,351,771 would help pay her medical expenses.

Young, who was the eighth of 10 people to spin the wheel Saturday, said he never dreamed of winning the jackpot.

Participants in the wheel spin are chosen from among \$100 ticket winners.

"I won the \$100 ticket but had forgotten all about it after I sent it in," he said. "I was half scared to death when I got the call telling me I had won (the chance to spin)."

He said he thought he might win when he saw the jackpot slot on the wheel turning "at just the right speed."

"This is very exciting," he said. "I can't hardly believe it. When I won, it was as if somebody had hit me with a ball bat."

Young, who worked for 42 years as a warden, carpenter and firefighter for the state Forestry Department before retiring in 1978, said he spends most of his time gardening and fishing.

He has three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Collision kills 2 men; 2 women are injured

OTIS — Two men were killed and two women injured Saturday when their car and another collided head-on on Highway 18 about one mile east of here, state police said.

Officers identified the victims as Joseph P. Davis, 20, of McMinnville, and one of his passengers, David Durham, 23, of Newberg.

Also riding in Davis' car were Rhonda Bailey, 20, and Kimberly Berger, 21, both of Newberg.

Berger was listed in good condition at North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City with multiple cuts and bruises. Bailey was flown by Life Flight helicopter to Portland Ad-

ventist Medical Center, where she was listed in good condition with a broken jaw and a broken leg, a hospital spokesman said.

The driver of the other car, Leonard Demmert, 42, of Salem, was not injured, state police said.

Demmert was eastbound on the highway about 6 a.m. when Davis' car crossed the center line and struck Demmert's vehicle head-on, officers said.

Davis' car then plunged over an embankment, state police said.

No citations were issued at the scene. Investigation into the accident is continuing, officers said.

Woodburn streets haven for hookers

By CAROL J. CASTANEDA
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WOODBURN — Of the seven largest cities in Marion County, Woodburn is the only city where officials say prostitution is blatant.

Officials in Salem, Keizer, Silverton, Stayton, Mount Angel and Hubbard say if prostitution is going on in their cities, it's not as obvious as the street walkers in Woodburn.

"Prostitution is something that happens some place else," said Woodburn Police Chief Lyle Henderson. "But it's not true."

The prevalence of sex for sale in Woodburn has local health officials alarmed. Health officials have attributed a high number of gonorrhea cases in the area directly to prostitution.

Woodburn police said about 35 prostitutes, not all at one time, work the streets in the downtown area.

"I'd say 35 is high," said Salem Police Lt. Bill Kinch. "Thirty-five would surprise me in Salem."

Kinch and Marion County police officials said prostitution is more inconspicuous in Salem and is happening more in the night clubs and massage parlors than on the streets.

Salem police said, however, there were 10 prostitution cases last year. There were two cases in 1983.

Officials say prostitution has long been rampant during the farming season — March through November — when Woodburn's population of 11,300 increases by about 1,500 to 2,000 migrant workers.

No prostitutes have been arrested in Woodburn in the past two years, according to Woodburn Police Chief Lyle Henderson. He cited a number of reasons.

He said his department has higher priority crimes than prostitution to handle. Furthermore, he said he lacks the staff to zero in on prostitution. He also said he is frustrated by the lack of a strong legal deterrent to prostitution.

"It isn't how bad you hurt somebody for breaking the law," Henderson said, "it's being consistent of whatever the penalty is. A prostitute has to know if they do A, then B or C will happen. As soon as we get consistent penalties, things will be better."

Crimes such as burglaries, rapes and robberies carry a higher priority as far as Woodburn and other Marion County police officials are concerned.

"If the public were to get in a big uproar about it (prostitution), I'm sure we would do more on it," said Marion County sheriff's detective Will Hingston.

Hingston said his department made one arrest for prostitution last year.

"That kind of case is very hard to make," said Kimball Vickert, police chief in Mount Angel, whose department made no arrests for the crime last year. Vickery said dealing with prostitution requires a staff he doesn't have.

"Unless they're actively engaged, (in a sexual act) you can't go and make an arrest on assumption," said Woodburn Lt. Ken Wright.

Henderson said if he sent an officer out in a town the size of Woodburn to make a prostitution arrest, the most he would have is one arrest.

He said it wouldn't take long before an officer was detected.

Even if a prostitute were arrested, the most she would receive is a citation, similar to a traffic violation, Wright said.

Because of lack of jail space, a prostitute could be out of jail soon after an arrest, Wright said.

Conviction of prostitution, a class A misdemeanor, carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. But, often prostitutes do not receive such penalties, police said.

Veneral disease, thefts, assaults and drug use long have been associated with prostitution, said health and police officials.

The rate of gonorrhea cases in the Woodburn area is continuing to climb, local and Marion County health officials said Friday.

The number now is double the total at this time last year.

Local health officials attribute the high rate to prostitution and say they are frustrated by it, but can do little without the names of suspected carriers.

Steve Virden of the Salud de la Familia health clinic said 74 people had contracted gonorrhea by the end of July, compared to 37 at that time last year.

The number of people, mostly men, seeking treatment for symptoms has local officials alarmed.

"Last week, we saw 20 men," said Yolanda Garcia, a Salud clinic manager. "That's pretty high."

For Marion County as a whole, the number of gonorrhea cases also was up this year.

In the first six months, 314 people contracted gon-

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'A hard life,' ex-prostitute says

WOODBURN — Outside a downtown bar, a 30-year-old former prostitute sits on a bus bench, recounting her three years as a streetwalker in downtown Woodburn and nearby farmworker camps.

"A lot of broads think it's great," says the woman, who asked not to be identified. "It's really funny, because years back, there wasn't that many. But, now on Sundays and Saturdays at the bars, you can't tell."

"You look at a girl nowadays and you think, 'She's clean-cut,' and she's one of the biggest whores in town."

Conversation breaks off when a young, dark-skinned farmworker revs the engine of his Ford, slowly passing the bus stop. A short distance away, four farmworkers, oblivious to the noise, chat in Spanish.

The former prostitute typifies a Woodburn police description of many prostitutes in the area. She is white, hefty — about 200 pounds — and dressed casually.

Police say that at least 35 women, many of them Portland residents, work the downtown district at various times during the farming season — March to November. They work here primarily when there is often an abundance of lonely farmworkers.

According to the authorities, prostitution is a long-standing practice in Woodburn.

"It's really a hard life," the former prostitute says. "The names you get called, the reputation you get. Word gets around. If you're a hooker, you're a hooker."

Seven years ago, single and free, she fell deeply for a man. It turned sour when the now-twice-married woman found that he was married and had three children.

"It really tore me apart," she says, declining to reveal more about her background for fear of being identified.

Her girlfriends, then working as prostitutes, en-

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orrhea, compared to 208 for the same period last year, said Ron Heberlein of the Marion County Health Division.

Salud de la Familia health clinic officials in Woodburn expressed frustration about the high number of gonorrhea cases they think are connected largely to prostitution.

They said most of the patients who contract the disease are Hispanic farmworkers. Some of the farmworkers are illegal immigrants trying to keep a low profile in the city and are using the service of prostitutes who visit the farmworker camps.

Ron Heberlein of the Marion County Health Division also attributes the increase in gonorrhea cases to prostitution. But he said his department is handicapped without having a Spanish-speaking employee who can visit the camps routinely and warn farmworkers of the dangers of prostitution.

The possibility of contracting a venereal disease is not the only danger linked to prostitution. For some women, prostitution has resulted in death.

The Green River killer in Seattle is thought to have killed 29 women, many of whom were prostitutes.

Seattle police detective Jerry Alexander said 14 more women, many of whom were prostitutes, are missing.

In Portland, police spokesman Jay Decker said six women with prostitution backgrounds had been mur-

dered in the past four years. Investigators have not confirmed conclusively they are the work of the Green River killer.

"Prostitution is transient," Decker said. "Many of the prostitutes stay in motels, traveling where there is a high concentration of single men and less pressure from the police. Decker said the prostitutes may be traveling to work in Woodburn."

In Woodburn, prostitutes are known to work out of motels, houses, apartments and farmworker camps, police said. Many solicit clients in taverns, Henderson said.

Henderson said some women make the rounds, going from taverns, to houses, to farmworker camps — anywhere to find work.

Unlike the high-heeled, slender, skimpily-dressed prostitute generally portrayed on television, the Woodburn prostitute is typically white, overweight and casually dressed, according to Woodburn police.

Many of the prostitutes weigh 200 pounds or more, but some are trimmer, Henderson said.

Police officials offer a number of solutions to the prostitution problem: Increase jail space, have consistent penalties for the crime, and offer prostitutes counseling and job training programs.

"If you let prostitution go too long, it's going to escalate and get entrenched in the system," Hingston said. "It then becomes harder to get rid of."

Streetwalker . . .

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couraged her to become a prostitute to earn a living.

"The first time, I felt really dirty," she says, lowering her voice. "I felt like I did something bad. But after the first couple of times, it wasn't anything. Sure, I knew I was doing something wrong, but the money was there and I had my bills to pay."

For the next three years, she earned more than just enough to pay bills — \$300 a week, tax-free, prostituting herself in farming camps, houses, cars and even fields. She received \$20 to \$25 a trick. Other women may charge as little as \$10, she says.

Although she never was arrested, she preferred working nights and in the camps to avoid contact with police.

"You try to look your best, because that's where the money is," she says. "Me, I basically wore pants, a nice shirt, have my hair done, have my face painted. Sometimes, I wore a short-sleeve or strapless dress."

Taking birth control pills was part of her daily routine. She says she never got pregnant, but other women have. They had abortions, she says.

Although medical authorities say many farmworkers and women contract venereal disease each farming season, the former prostitute said she never did.

Police say drugs and prostitution are intertwined. She says she used drugs sparingly.

While she never was beaten up and had a pimp to answer to, she often was faced with clients she loathed.

"There's a lot of guys who were so ugly, you can't even look at them," she says. "Then you think about the money."

"For some people, it's good money," she says. "But, I look back at it and I think at the time it was the money. But, there's ways of finding money, ways of making a straight life. My life is for my kids now."

She says she now works as an interpreter, but is planning to attend community college in the fall.



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