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BEST SELF-AWARENESS

"My name's Grant Cogswell. I co-authored the monorail initiative.... I'm running because we're going to build the monorail."
—Grant Cogswell

Stranger Death Squad member Josh Feit a happy birthday. But despite the charm offensive, Drago still isn't getting our endorsement. Call us rude, but her voting record is simply too scary. Drago has been a Xerox machine for Mark Sidran (yes on the poster ban, yes on parks exclusion, yes on the impound ordinance, yes on the noise ordinance). A corporate welfare cheerleader, Drago helped funnel nearly \$100 million to downtown interests, in the form of city-backed loans, special grants, and direct spending. Drago voted to kill the monorail, and she was one of just three council members (joining tree stumps Jim Compton and Richard McIver) to vote against Judy Nicastro's excellent renters' bill of rights. The ordinance included a tenants' right to organize. "I had problems with making landlords allow meetings," Drago said.

Thanks for stopping by, Jan.

THERE IS A THIRD CANDIDATE IN THIS FRUSTRATING RACE:

West Seattleite Susan Harmon pandered to the *Stranger* staff ("I'm involved in just about everything you can think of... I designed the float for the gay pride parade two years ago"), boasted about

her vague experience as a West Seattle activist (oy vey), and told Death Squad member Dan Savage that she could channel psychic powers that lurk beneath the surface of the earth. As much as we hate having to endorse Firestone, we couldn't bring ourselves to endorse Harmon.

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

POSITION NO. 8 THE STRANGER ENDORSES Grant Cogswell

Cogswell has a gift for seeing the connections between issues. Catch the brilliant



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pro-monorail/pro-enviro/anti-Sidran/economics lesson he gave the Death Squad: "I'm running because we're going to build the monorail. You need a car in Seattle right now just to compete economically. Building a good public transit system will help people who can't afford their own car, who are struggling to survive. A lot of those people are having [their] cars impounded because they can't pay their tickets or afford insurance. I think this is one of those places where social justice and economic justice converges into a human rights issue."

The centerpiece of Cogswell's campaign is the monorail, and making sure it gets built. Cogswell cowrote the original monorail initiative that voters passed in 1997. And so, more than just latching on to the "West Seattle to Ballard" line that Johnny-come-lately monorail supporters are hyping, Cogswell is committed to the original monorail "X" that he—along with Dick Falkenbury—put on the ballot.



BEST EGO
"I've got two doctorates. I'm not a fool."
—Stan Lippman

Cogswell proposes that Sound Transit scrap light rail within Seattle proper and build a citywide monorail instead. Then, he argues, the agency can build light rail to connect the rest of the region to Seattle. Less expensive. More filling.

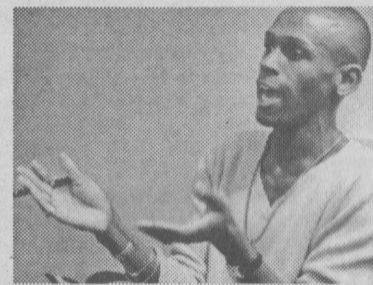
It'd sure be nice to have a council member who listens to Joy Division, Modest Mouse, and the Blood Brothers. Make checks payable to Grant Cogswell for Seattle City Council, and send them to 409 16th Avenue E. #16, Seattle 98112.

THE STRANGER DOESN'T ENDORSE: Richard McIver

Incumbent Richard McIver can usually be counted on to cast a good vote on civil rights issues. (However, it's usually in a supporting role to his council colleague, Comrade Nick Licata, who typically takes the lead—and the heat—on racial justice issues.)

But McIver can't be counted on when it comes to the civil rights of youth. McIver caved on repealing the Teen Dance Ordinance, helping sustain the mayor's veto. What's worse, you can't count on McIver to do the right thing on

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BEST PUT-DOWN
"Richard [McIver] is only in the neighborhood as a 'property pimp.'"
—Jerome Wilson

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

HEIDI WILLS

In 1999, *The Stranger* did NOT endorse Heidi Wills. While we liked Heidi's campaign pledge to represent ALL STUDENTS—not just the popular kids, but ALL kids—we had trouble taking Heidi at her word. For example, she told the *Stranger* Death Squad that her favorite restaurant in Rainier Valley was KFC. But Heidi couldn't pull the wool over our eyes. We knew she was a vegetarian. Where is Heidi now?



Where are you now?

I'm a city council member. I've had the opportunity to work on energy issues. I chair the energy committee. What's been primarily important to me in this role is to protect our low-income residents amid increases in energy rates.

What have you cut out of your weekly routine to save energy?

It doesn't necessarily count because it doesn't plug into the energy grid, but I bought a Prius [Toyota's gas/electric hybrid car], and I think that even the representation of an alternative fuel-efficient car is good. I keep my porch light off; I used to keep it on. I no longer use my electric blanket. I just put another blanket on the bed, and I cuddle up with the three cats.

Mayor Paul Schell: Totally cool or totally uncool?

Hmmm... totally? Well, I'm going to take the Fifth on that one.

What famous person would you like to see naked?

Antonio Banderas. I think he's just sexy enough.

Who's better looking: Nick Licata or Peter Steinbrueck?

Nick is a very fancy dresser, and Peter has a nice smile.

What is your favorite exotic animal?

Well, it's not in the circus. I would hope to free all the circus animals. Let all the elephants go free, let them run in the wild. Let them live normal lives without a tutu.

Have you tried the new KFC tofu chicken sandwich yet?

That's funny. Not yet.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JANICE VAN CLEVE

In 1997, the Death Squad did NOT endorse MTF transsexual Janice Van Cleve when she (and folks like Omari Tahir-Garrett) ran for School Board against *Stranger*-endorsed Michael Preston. Van Cleve angered African American activists (and the Death Squad) when she ran a campaign ad featuring Preston with a basketball and herself with a computer. So where is Janice now?

Where are you now?

I am writing. I am traveling. I am enjoying life. I just got back from Turkey and Greece, and I went to Egypt last fall. Before that—down in Honduras and the Yucatan. I've been riding rapid transit systems in Third World countries—[systems that] are more advanced than the rapid transit system here.

How did you react when you didn't get *The Stranger's* endorsement?

I had to pour myself an extra glass of cabernet.

What's the most important endorsement in Seattle, and why?

Endorsements from incumbents on the school board help.

If you had it to do all over again, what would you have done to get *The Stranger's* endorsement?

I would have poured wine for them instead of me.

What famous person would you like to see naked?

It would be Linda Hamilton from *The Terminator*. I'd like to see her in leather with an AK-47, and naked.



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