

Candidates clash on N-safety, LCDC

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Ballot Measure No. 9 and Oregon's land-use planning commission came under fire Thursday during a forum of Lane County's five commissioner candidates.

Independent Jerry Rust supported No. 9 at the event, sponsored by the Survival Center and the Sierra Club, but his opponents in the commissioner position disagreed.

Frank Elliot, the Democratic incumbent in Position 3, said he doubted the measure would provide any more safety in future nuclear plants than exists in present plants.

"I don't want to waste my time on a ballot measure that doesn't do anything," he said.

Andy Maxon, Elliot's Republican challenger, said he opposes No. 9 since it would essentially ban nuclear power development. Maxon said he has "enough faith in human nature" to believe the power companies would not construct unsafe power plants.

"They wouldn't bring that kind of destruction on themselves," he said.

Maxon and Elliot doubted the feasibility of energy alternatives to

nuclear power. Rust countered that with the impending shortage of uranium, nuclear power is no answer to our energy problems but only a "short term solution."

Democrat Archie Weinstein and Republican John Parkhurst, candidates for Position 1, each stressed their support of No. 9.

"I had phone calls from two of the big power companies in Portland asking me to change my position on No. 9," said Weinstein. "I just put down the receiver!"

Parkhurst and Weinstein clashed on the value of the state's Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC).

Weinstein opposes the seven-member planning board appointed by the governor. Calling the commission a group of "so-called experts and pseudo-dictators," Weinstein stressed the need for local control of land planning.

Weinstein favors Ballot Measure No. 10, which proposes to abolish the LCDC. Parkhurst disagreed. The LCDC does provide for effective land-planning on the local level, he said.

Rust agreed with Parkhurst, noting that Senate Bill-100, which established the LCDC, provides that the LCDC's "number one

goal" is to make local planning agencies responsive to the people. "Does this sound tyrannical to you?" he asked.

Rust's opponents in Position 3 disagreed. The LCDC has been "dictating policy" to local governments, Elliot said. Elliot and Maxon each claimed that Ballot Measure No. 10 is necessary to return land planning authority to the local level.

All five candidates agreed that the county should not use herbicides until they are proven safe, and that public forest lands should be managed more effectively.

Each of the candidates also scrambled to proclaim his enthusiasm for recycling efforts in Lane County.

Political film series comes to 'straight' theater

Insight Exchange and the Eugene People's Media Project will present a six week series of films and discussions dealing with subjects of political and social impact. The series will begin Saturday afternoon at the Mayflower Theater, 788 E. 11th, with the showing of "Union Maids" and "Storm of Strangers" at 1 and 3:30 p.m.

According to Tripp Mikich of the Eugene People's Media Project, the series is the first attempt to show alternative political films in a traditional theater setting.

"We're trying to present this program in the most legitimate, non-threatening format possible," Mikich said. "There is a real element of neutrality in a straight theater. Everybody goes to the movies and there's a certain safety about being able to go to a theater to see these movies. But at the same time you can go to the movies and be exposed to people and ideas you otherwise would not encounter."

Speakers will discuss the films viewed with members of the audience, using the films as a forum for involvement, Mikich said.

"We're trying not to set up a speaker-audience situation," Mikich said. "These discussions will give people an opportunity to talk over what is on their minds. A lot of people have questions in their heads and this should give everybody a chance to get down past the rhetoric and propaganda we get in the straight press."

"For instance, when we show 'Avenue of the Americas,' we'll have some Chilean refugees come down from Portland to describe their experiences as political prisoners in that country."

All the films to be shown in the series were made in the last two years. Each film deals with some aspect of people's history.

According to Mikich, 40 per cent of the revenue from the booking will go back to the filmmakers — a practice that usually does not occur in commercial movie ventures.

"These films are not tied to any major film distributors," Mikich

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explained. "Just in terms of pure cinema they are fine films, but because of their political content they don't get much attention. 'Burn' for instance, played in L.A. for two days before it got pulled. Ultimately, it ended up in 16 millimeter on the campus circuit and has since become a classic."

Mikich found response to his project to be good and hopes to prove there is an audience for political films outside the campus community. Cinema Unido, another political film group, shows films on campus.

"These films are all high quality films, regardless of their political nature," Mikich said. "There's a real effort made in each film to outline the forces and tensions and point out whose interest is being served in these situations."

We all have to transcend American notions about film and what film should be. We had people cheering 'Blow for Blow' in Corvallis and they were workers from

Boise-Cascade. People can get really high off these films."

Admission for the films is \$2 per show. Special admission of \$6 for four films is available.



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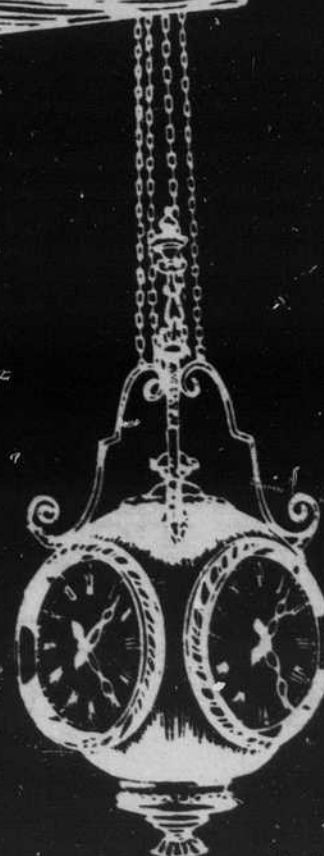
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