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Board of Commissioners refers nuclear-free zone issue to voters

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Lane County voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to designate Lane County a nuclear-free zone when they visit the polls this November.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners approved a ballot measure Wednesday that will refer the nuclear-free zone issue to the county's voters in the Nov. 4 general election.

The ballot measure asks, "Should testing, production, maintenance or storage of nuclear weapons or waste or military defensive systems against nuclear weapons be prohibited" in Lane County?

Wednesday was the final day for the commissioners to refer the measure to voters. Referrals must be filed with the county clerk at least 90 days before the election.

The measure, if passed, will allow for enforcement through a "right of action" clause, which allows the county or any of its citizens to bring a court action to



Graphic by John Bock

stop a violation of the ordinance.

That is a slight change from the original ordinance submitted by the People for a Nuclear-Free Lane County on Nov. 11, 1985.

The original measure called for a citizen's monitoring board to ensure enforcement of the ordinance, said David Zupan of PNFLC.

Enforcement of the ordinance is a

crucial aspect, along with signs reading "Nuclear-Free Zone," which will be placed at all county limits signposts if the measure is passed, Zupan said.

"There are now nine other counties in Oregon that are nuclear-free zones, but if you're in those counties you wouldn't know they were nuclear-free zones unless you had heard about it somewhere," he said.

Commissioner Chuck Ivey expressed concern about whether voters should have to foot the bill for the signs.

But Zupan said the offer from nuclear-free zone supporters to create and post the signs themselves still stands if the commission requests it.

People for a Nuclear-Free Lane County has been working on this measure for more than 18 months, Zupan said.

The ordinance would not restrict basic research or nuclear medicine in the county.

If passed the ordinance will go into effect Dec. 4, 1986.

Library workers express concern over job rankings

By Chris Norred
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University library workers want some recognition for their work.

They are concerned because the new classifications recently released by the state Personnel Division did not include a specific series for library jobs. The workers believe many library jobs require technical and specialized skills that set them apart from the general clerical classifications in which the library workers usually have been placed.

All non-management, non-academic employees paid by the state of Oregon are classified. Their jobs are ranked in comparison to other state jobs, and then placed in a category along with other jobs that have similar rankings.

This week, personnel administrators at the University and other state agencies will begin placing clerical-related workers into the new classifications released by the Personnel Division.

The new classifications are the result of efforts by the state legislative and executive departments, which hope to have a proposal for the 1987 Legislature.

The proposal will include new classifications and new wage rates for jobs that were rated as undervalued by more than 10 percent in a 1984 study by the state Comparable Worth Task Force. Most of the undervalued employees at the University are in the general clerical classifications.

Since the early 1970s, library employees at higher education schools in Oregon have been in-

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Public advised to avoid Millrace water

The Eugene Public Works Department is advising members of the public to avoid close contact with Millrace water for the next 48 hours.

Sandra Gleason, the department's public information coordinator, said bacterial samples taken from the water show it was contaminated by a sewage leak discovered late Monday by workers from the Eugene Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Although levels of contamination are minimal, the public should avoid swimming in the Millrace until late Friday, Gleason said.

"Canoeing is probably OK," she added.

Wastewater Treatment Plant workers were out on a routine check of the Judkin's Point pump station behind Stuart Anderson's Black Angus Restaurant on Franklin Boulevard when they noticed that the ground was wet and spongy, Gleason said. When the crew started digging to discover the cause of the wetness, they realized there was a sewer line leaking, she said.

The crew continued digging through Tuesday, recycling the leaking sewage by pumping it back into the pump station, said James Ollerenshaw, laboratory supervisor for the Eugene water pollu-

tion control facility.

When the crew reached the source of the leak Wednesday morning, they began pumping the sewage into tanker trucks that transported it to a manhole near William's Bakery, 1760 E. 13th, and released it into the sewer system there, he said.

The leak was caused by a 30-year-old steel pipe that had corroded, Ollerenshaw said. Workers were rigging up a temporary system Wednesday night to bypass the broken pipe while they wait for the fabrication of a new pipe, he said.

It will probably be a couple days before the pipe is replaced, he added.

Hiroshima remembered with calls for peace

By Karen Creighton
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Music, speakers and traditional lanterns highlighted the commemoration of the 41st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. About 150 people gathered Wednesday night in Alton Baker Park for the program, "Never Again."

Many adults weren't alive at the time of the Hiroshima bombing on Aug. 6, 1945. The commemoration has changed from its original purpose as merely a memorial to its present purpose of keeping the memory and meaning of Hiroshima and Nagasaki alive for younger people, said Leslie Brockelbank, the program's moderator.

The commemoration is now a "search for humanity and a human search for world without war," she said.

Kate Gessert told the crowd that the Soviet people still remember the losses of World War II in which they lost one-quarter of their population. She recently returned from a trip to

the Soviet Union on a scholarship from Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament in which she acted as a citizen diplomat.

The request she most often heard from Soviets was to tell Americans how much Soviets want peace, she said.

She was most impressed by the friendliness of the Soviet people, who often invited her into their homes, she said.

"Actually meeting the people was the best thing that happened," she said.

She said she is optimistic about efforts to achieve peace on the part of the Soviet government and the U.S. Congress, and encouraged people to write thank-you letters to politicians fighting the arms race.

Guy Burton, an activist for both disarmament and Central America, spoke about economic and racist aspects of the arms race.

"If we got rid of nuclear weapons, we still wouldn't get rid of the reason why nuclear weapons are here," he said.



Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

Cary Thompson (far left), and Nancy Bray with her two children Jesse (left), 6, and Wendy, 2, set lanterns afloat to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima.

Nuclear weapons are a threat of violence used by a dominant culture to maintain power, Burton said. And working for justice and against racism requires working for nuclear

disarmament, he said.

"I think it's time for a celebration," said Nancy Hale, national co-coordinator of the American Peace Test at the Nevada Test Site.

She referred to the successes of the past year in halting testing at the Nevada site. People passed through a period of

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