

Election day glance for complete review

The day after tomorrow, we will all either breathe an enormous sigh of relief, or we will hide, as if we had just kicked over a bucket of snakes. When you step into the voting booth, consider the weight of your task. We offer, for your convenience and for the relief of our consciences, a summary of our stands on all the issues and candidates.

This year, three city ballot measures grabbed our attention.

- Ballot Measure 20-01 would amend the Lane County Charter to allow the Assessor to be appointed instead of elected. **No.**

- Ballot Measure 20-02 would add a real property transfer tax. **No.**

- Ballot Measure 20-03 would create a process by which a portion of the citizenry — 7,000 people — through petition could effectively rezone undeveloped land, declaring it a natural resource. This measure was created to kill the Riverfront Research Park, but holds dangerous implications for private land use and development throughout the area. **No.**

We took stands on all eight state ballot measures, several of which have won the attention of coach potatoes statewide who normally would not vote.

- Ballot Measure 1 extends the Governor's veto deadline from 20 to 30 days. **Yes.**

- Ballot Measure 2 allows for the investment of the Common School Fund in the stock market. **Yes.**

- Ballot Measure 3 requires the use of safety belts. **Yes.**

- Ballot Measure 4 seeks full sentences without parole or probation for certain repeat felonies. Measure 4, which is poorly conceived, would create more problems than it would solve. **No.**

- Ballot Measure 5, the controversial "sin tax," presents an opportunity to fund intercollegiate athletics with a one-cent tax on every pack of cigarettes or can of beer purchased in Oregon. Our universities desperately need this measure passed. Several sports programs stand at death's doorstep. **A big Yes.**

- Ballot Measure 6 would ban public smoking. We all agree that non-smokers suffer unfairly from secondary smoke. But this oppressive and far-reaching law would encourage outright civil disobedience. **A big No.**

- Ballot Measure 7 would designate about 500 river miles as scenic waterways. **Yes.**

- Ballot Measure 8 would revoke the Governor's Executive Order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. Measure 8 presents us with bald-faced, open bigotry, examples of which could be seen in the shameless commercials sponsored by the measure's proponents before the spots were rightfully removed from most airwaves. **A big No.**

Now we move on to the candidates, beginning with the local races for State Representative.

In each, with firm belief that they have done a good job, we support the Democratic incumbent candidates: Jim Edmunson (39th District), Carl Hosticka (40th District), David Dix (41st District) and Bill Dwyer (42nd District).

For Judge, Supreme Court, we support Edward Fadeley. For Secretary of State, we encourage you to re-elect Barbara Roberts, and for State Treasurer, re-elect Anthony Meeker. We wholeheartedly endorse incumbent Dave Frohnmayer for Attorney General.

For Mayor of Eugene, we support Jeff Miller. We support Miller in light of his commitment to financial growth in the area and in consideration of his grasp of the issues.

For U.S. Representative, 4th District, we strongly support incumbent Peter DeFazio, a rookie congressman who won accolades from all sides, both locally and in the House.

Finally, we implore you to help sway the disturbing tilt of the nation. The gathering storm threatens to dump us all into the murky depths, and we cannot weather four more years at sea with a covert president and a dangerously inept first mate. For President of the United States, we unreservedly support Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis.

lib-er-al (lib-er-al), 1. favorable to progress. 2. free from prejudice; tolerant. 3. generous

MOM, WHY DOES GEORGE BUSH TELL EVERYBODY THAT "LIBERAL" IS A DIRTY WORD?

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Letters

Enlightening

Many Bush supporters claim (as in the Oct. 31 Commentator editorial) that a resume comparison of the two candidates is reason enough to vote for George Bush. A brief look at his resume is rather enlightening I must admit.

He was the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations from 1971-1973. This was a vital time where developing nations called for New World Economic Order and George Bush remained a face-man for the policies of the U.S. government. What a wonderful actor George must have been at this time: feigning concern for the developing world while conscious of the CIA/ITT plans for the overthrow of Allende in Chile in 1973. Even then he was looking out for corporate interests; and although it put the whole developing world on the defensive against the U.S. as a neo-colonial power, hey, it looks great on a resume.

This was, of course, a befitting preface to his 1976-1977 work as director of the CIA. His time at the U.N. was undoubtedly on-the-job training, and what could look better on a resume than the CIA?

He has been vice-president for eight glory-filled years for which we all have and will pay dearly. He wants to continue building hope on an artificial economy and invoking capital gains breaks for the wealthy few and huge corporations he will always embrace.

In four Bush years, will the average American be able to

read his resume — and will the environment be able to provide the paper for it to be printed on?

Craig Jacobson
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Riverfront

I am responding to your recent editorial opposing Ballot Measure 20-03. I urge the public to vote YES on 20-03 in order to protect our city parks and natural resource areas.

Ballot Measure 20-03 will create a new Recreation/Natural Resource Zoning category. As things stand now, our parks are irrationally zoned as residential, commercial, or industrial and are not legally protected against development.

The authors of the Daily Emerald editorial mistakenly implied that 20-03 would allow any group of 7,000 people to rezone any parcel of property in Eugene. Measure 20-03 allows 7,000 registered voters to petition city council to protect a specified area as a natural resource zone. The proposed rezoning must comply with state and federal laws and could not invalidate pre-existing uses of the property. 20-03 allows the city council 50 days to refer the measure back to the voters if the council found the proposed rezoning to be legal but unpopular or ill-advised.

Poor land use decisions are irreversible. Once the riverfront is developed, it can never be undeveloped. Our community needs access to the open space and natural beauty offered by the riverfront. I feel strongly that the proposed Riverfront Research Park should be built on a more appropriate site rather than on prime recreational and natural land.

Vote YES on 20-03 to protect Eugene's natural resources.

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Principles

The League of Women Voters is a political organization that does not support or oppose candidates, but does support or oppose ballot measures, consistent with principles of representative, responsible government and positions taken as a result of study and consensus of its members. The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports Ballot Measure 7 (scenic waterways) and opposes Ballot Measure 4 (criminal sentencing laws) and Ballot Measure 8 (sexual orientation discrimination).

Ballot Measure 4 is opposed because the League favors alternatives to incarceration when possible and adoption of statewide sentencing guidelines to reduce disparity in sentencing. The Oregon Constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 15, states: "Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice."

Ballot Measure 8 is opposed under League positions upholding Citizens' Rights to individual liberty under the Constitution and Social Policy to secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.

Ballot Measure 7 is supported under the League belief that natural resources should be conserved and protected in the public interest, especially areas of critical environmental concern and aesthetic value.

Anyone wishing further information on these or any other state or local ballot measure may call Frances Anderson, LWV Lane County Voters Service Chair, at 686-9122.

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