

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OCA amendment opposed by lawyers

The Eugene Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild released a statement Friday opposing the Oregon Citizens Alliance proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution, saying the amendment is discriminatory.

In their statement, the lawyer's guild proclaimed that the OCA's initiative, which seeks to eliminate discriminatory protections for gays and lesbians, is one they cannot support because the guild affirms all rights guaranteed to citizens under the United States and Oregon Constitutions.

"Laws prohibiting discrimination against members of a group of citizens do not equate to the granting of 'special rights' to the members of that group," the lawyers guild said in their statement.

"Rather, such laws merely protect the same rights enjoyed by the citizenry at large of a minority group of citizens, otherwise not immune to the special discrimination visited upon them by members of the majority so disposed in the absence of those laws," the lawyers guild said.

Moreover, the lawyers said the OCA amendment would promote and facilitate unchecked discrimination against members of the gay and lesbian community.

Portland IRS holding tax refunds

People who have moved lately and have not received their 1990 income tax refunds may want to check with the IRS, which is holding over \$400,000 in unclaimed money.

The Portland IRS office reportedly has the names of about 1,500 people who are entitled to a refund but have not received their checks because there wasn't a current address available when the post office went to deliver them.

The average unclaimed refund is approximately \$280, said an IRS spokesman, who recommends that people entitled to a refund call 1-800-TAX-1040.

Kaleidoscope tour stops by Willamette

To find out if looking at the world with kaleidoscope eyes is better than looking at it through rose-colored glasses, check out the new exhibit at the Willamette Science and Technology Center.

The exhibit, titled "Kaleidoscopes — Reflections of Science and Art," will be on display through January in Eugene as part of its three-year national tour with the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit program.

The exhibit features displays of mirror forms, an Infinity Box and a rectangular kaleidoscope. It also features seven different kaleidoscope islands with different themes, including changing angles, mirror surfaces, prisms, wheels, marbles and changing objects in oils.

For more information contact Sally Tatala at 687-3619.

Roundup Day for your disposables

Toxic garbage, and hazardous waste can be properly and safely disposed of Saturday, Nov. 2 during Lane County's Waste Roundup Day.

The Glenwood station at 3100 E. 17th will be accepting all kinds of toxic materials, including herbicides, pesticides, paint strippers, batteries, aerosols, gasoline and ammonia.

The Glenwood dump will not accept containers larger than five gallons, radioactive materials or non-hazardous items.

For a complete list of what is accepted, and how it should be brought to the dump, call the Lane County Waste Management Vehicle Division at 687-4119.

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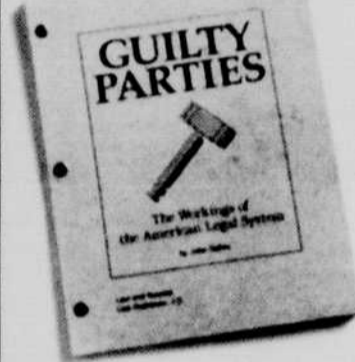
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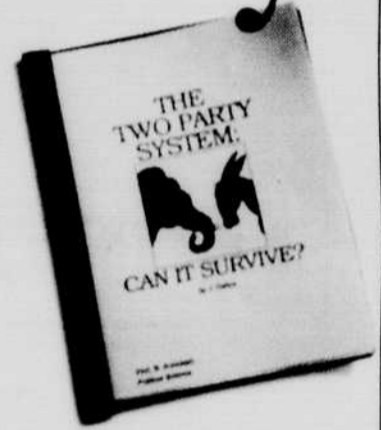
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