

Coalition forms to battle OCA's newest measure

□ Group opposes new effort to keep homosexuals from gaining minority status

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The announcement last week by the Oregon Citizens Alliance that a new statewide anti-gay rights initiative is in the works has prompted opponents to organize a counter effort.

Citizens United Against Discrimination

is a recently formed coalition of gay and lesbian rights activists that plans to spend the next several months working to defeat a ballot measure that will likely appear before Oregon voters next year.

OCA members said Thursday they will begin collecting signatures in an effort to put a toned-down version of last year's Ballot Measure 9 before the voters.

The new initiative would prohibit homosexuality from being classified as a minority status; would prohibit teaching children that homosexuality is the legal or social

equivalent of race, color, religion, gender, age or national origin; and would prohibit public libraries from allowing access to children's books that deal with homosexuality.

Last year's Measure 9, defeated 57 percent to 43 percent, would have amended the state constitution to declare homosexuality "perverse and abnormal," in addition to enacting many other restrictions, such as prohibiting the state from promoting homosexuality.

Many of the members of No On 9, a

statewide group with local branches that worked against last year's measure, have come together to form the new group.

Kelly Weigel, chairwoman of Lane County's Citizens United Against Discrimination, said the new ballot measure attempt may appear less damning on the surface, but it's not much different from Measure 9.

"We're looking at this as a similar situation, where only the language is toned down," Weigel said. "It's still an issue of

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Rep. Peter DeFazio Monday moderated a community discussion about what the United States' role should be in alleviating the conflict in Bosnia. Residents were divided over whether the arms embargo against Bosnia should be lifted.

Eugene residents urge Bosnian aid

□ Speakers differ on issue of lifting arms embargo for Bosnian defenders

By Meg Dedolph
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Many Eugene residents urged support for Bosnia at a Monday forum with Rep. Peter DeFazio.

Most who spoke urged a lifting of the arms embargo currently in place, but some spoke against sending arms into the area or using military force to intervene.

"I can't see any person who is human in their heart to ask for more arms," said Eugene resident Dragana Petrovic. "I am shocked that some can advocate giving more arms to people. We should support democratic movements, especially in Serbia."

Dragoslav Petrovic, another area resident, also spoke against sending more arms to Bosnia. "Please try to avoid using force," he said. "Arming one side and then arming the other is bloody nonsense. They have plenty of arms to fight for 10 years."

However, Ivan Tomicic, who came to Eugene from Croatia 1 1/2 months ago, said sending arms to Bosnia was the fairest solution.

"Americans should give arms so everyone has a right to defend themselves," he said. "I hear people say, 'how can you bomb innocent people,' but how can you feed people who are going to be killed tomorrow?"

Jennifer Abdul Jabar, who is coordinating a local relief effort for Bosnian rape victims, also urged sending weapons to Bosnia. "I want people to protect them-

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City Council buys Sears building

□ New library site to remain vacant until city secures stable funding

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The Eugene City Council has purchased the former Sears building for a new library site, meeting its April 23 deadline.

But more than two years after Eugene voters overwhelmingly approved the Sears site purchase, the delay still isn't over for library supporters. The council must now decide how construction and operating funds will be financed and whether city offices

will occupy space in the 70,000 square-foot building, said City Council Coordinator Pam Barrian.

"All we have done is legally exercised the option to purchase the building," Barrian said. "Anything can happen."

Nothing is certain, Barrian said, until the council agrees how to fund the building and whether voters will be faced with a bond issue. Council members were mainly concerned about meeting the purchase deadline and are now focused on the city budget, she said.

Barrian said the city is waiting for a recommendation from the council before taking further action.

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Diversity is routine for Suite 5 residents

□ Students keep peace despite varied beliefs

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On the double glass doors that open into Suite 5 hang

two signs: one for "Jesus Northwest Festival," posted by Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, and the other for "Shoah Week," the Holocaust remembrance sponsored last month by the Jewish Student Union.

Past the doors are two desks.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy today with a slight chance of afternoon showers. Highs near 75 degrees.

Today in History

In 1987, doctors in Baltimore transplanted the heart of an accident victim to Clinton House, who gave up his own heart to a second recipient. House, the nation's first heart donor, died 14 months later.

ONE RISK TOO MANY

ODESSA, Wash. (AP) - Folks in Lincoln County knew Bud King as a man who took risks trying to hang onto the family's cattle ranch.

But in an apparent attempt to get out from under heavy debt so he could leave the spread to his sons, King took one risk too many.

On Monday, the 59-year-old grandfather and second-generation rancher began serving a five-year prison term for his role in the biggest marijuana-growing operation to come to authorities' attention in the state's history.

King's arrest during a Sept. 9 raid on the King Brothers Ranch stunned neighbors who knew him as a man with a big stride, a cowboy hat, a can of chewing tobacco and a kerchief hanging out of the back pocket of his jeans. "Everybody in town was really shocked and they're still talking about it," said Denny McDaniel, mayor in this community of about 1,000 people.

SPORTS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) - Julius Erving, still able to dunk during lunchtime pickup games, and Bill Walton, forced to wear sneakers with his suit because of swollen feet, were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame Monday.

Erving, the gravity-defying Dr. J. who took the game above the rim with his dazzling dunks, recalled he wasn't even good enough to make his high school team on Long Island until he was a junior. "My humble beginnings helped me keep athletics in proper perspective," said Erving, calling his induction not the last tribute to a phenomenal career, but "the beginning of a long road of added responsibilities."

