

Groups oppose enactment of Measure 16

Suicide: Some feel that the new law has unequal protection under the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution

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Groups opposed to assisted suicide have filed a complaint and are in the process of filing an injunction to prevent its Dec. 8 implementation.

Until a ruling is made against Ballot Measure 16, it will go into effect regardless of pending hearings.

Eugene attorney Tom O. Alderman is representing several plaintiffs in the class action suit, including physi-

cians, terminally ill patients and the owners of an area residential care facility.

The main complaint of the plaintiff group is Ballot Measure 16's unequal protection under the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution.

"Measure 16 withdraws state protection for a certain class of people," Alderman said. "The class now unprotected has the most need for protection."

Alderman plans to file for an injunction against the measure's implementation Friday.

Opponents to Ballot Measure 16 feel the measure has inadequate safeguards.

"This measure has the ability to be misused and abused," said Dr. Gary Lee. "Patients are at risk."

Suicide is legal in Oregon, however, helping someone commit suicide is not. Ballot Measure 16 enables doctors to legally aid in suicide.

"Everybody has a right to die with dignity," Lee said. "I'm not certain that dying with dignity means dying prematurely."

One concern of the plaintiffs is the prospective change in the health care providers role.

"If health care providers have the motivation to influence terminally ill patients to check out early because treatment is expensive, then they also have the motivation to keep the patients from notifying their families,

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Dan Quayle regresses slightly due to blood clot

Treatment: The former vice president rests but does not plan to slow down his political aspirations

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle underwent treatment Tuesday for a blood clot in his lung just weeks before he was expected to announce whether he will run for president in 1996.

"The doctors are very optimistic about Mr. Quayle's condition right now. He's doing extremely well and he is progressing very nicely," said Pam Perry, a spokeswoman for Indiana University Medical Center.

The 47-year-old Quayle was expected to make a full recovery, the spokeswoman said.

He was being treated with anti-coagulants to prevent further clotting while natural enzymes in Quayle's body dissolve the lodged clot, said the physician treating him, Dr. Homer Twigg. After four days, he likely would be put on another blood thinner for about three to six months.

Twigg said it can take up to a year for a clot to dissolve completely.

While clots can be life-threatening because they interfere with breathing, Twigg said Quayle had required only a small amount of oxygen when he was admitted to the hospital and was not in immediate danger of dying.

Twigg said at a news conference that Quayle is otherwise in excellent health.

Twigg said it isn't known what causes such clots, called pulmonary embolisms. They often occur in people who are sedentary for long stretches, such as truck drivers, and can be hereditary, but Quayle had no such predisposition, the doctor said.

Quayle has been promoting his book, *Standing Firm*, and appearing frequently on behalf of Republican candidates over the last year.

Quayle's wife, Marilyn, said the illness would not affect her

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Still not fixed



The broken door at the entrance of the fishbowl has been frustrating students and faculty for at least a week.

■ GOOD MORNING

► **ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP)** — Folks whose Christmas tradition includes cutting a tree at the Viking Hill Christmas Tree Farm will have to find somewhere else to go.

While the lot has been in business about 20 years and has about 16,000 Christmas trees, it won't be open this year because of concerns about static electricity in its parking lot.

The problem stems from two Bonneville Power Administration lines running above the trees.

"It started about three or four years ago," said Jack Granstrom, who has operated the U-cut Christmas tree farm for eight years. "Each year it seems to be more. You have customers come down and comment on it. Once a child was crying" from a shock.

BPA engineers came to the tree farm and measured the voltage two years ago after Granstrom complained.

"They say it's a nuisance shock," he said.

"But it's way beyond a nuisance shock in my opinion."

Hugh Starkey, customer service engineer for BPA, said engineers took measurements at Viking Hill and determined the shocks were not a hazard.

"We did tell them driving and parking under the lines wasn't a good idea," Starkey said.

Kirk Hall, senior customer service specialist at BPA, said the charge builds up in vehicles under the power lines and can result in shocks similar to those that can be induced by shuffling one's feet across a rug.

There is no health hazard, he said. "It's just an irritant."

BPA engineers recommended that a parking area under the lines be relocated, and cars parked at least 100 feet from the lines, Hall said.

But Granstrom said that would be inconvenient for customers, who would have to

carry their trees at least 100 yards and up to one-quarter mile.

He said he will try to sell some of his trees wholesale, but is uncertain about the farm's future.

► **SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)** — A jetliner slid off the runway and became stuck, closing the Spokane International Airport to incoming flights for about two hours Tuesday.

The Salt Lake City-bound Delta Air Lines jet was taxiing for takeoff when its nose wheel became stuck in dirt on the side of the runway about 8 a.m., airport Aviation Director Dennis Locke said.

None of the passengers aboard the Boeing 737 were injured, he said. It was not immediately known how many people were aboard.

The plane was tugged free about 10 a.m. and sustained no apparent damage, he said. It was towed back to the terminal for inspection.

Two parties of House in accord with vote

Congress: The executive and Republican-dominated legislative offices prove compatible after a debate over trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, brushing off critics who protested the legitimacy of a vote by a lame-duck Congress, passed a sweeping world trade agreement Tuesday. President Clinton hailed it as an "historic vote for American workers, farmers and families."

The House voted 288-146 for the rewrite of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, sending the measure to the Senate, where supporters were still searching for the votes needed for passage.

The four hours of debate were brought to an end by Speaker Thomas Foley, who in his final speech in the chamber where he had served for 30 years urged his colleagues to pass the measure.

"It is impossible to imagine a single act of this Congress that can do more to contribute to our economic growth," said Foley, who was defeated in the November elections in a Republican sweep that gave control of both the House and the Senate to the Republican Party for the first time in 40 years.

Foley was one of 85 House members

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