

Speak out

If I had the money, I would buy a full-page ad in *The Oregonian* and have my letters printed that way, because that is the only way they will ever be printed. Free speech works both ways: We are free to say what we want, and the papers are free to refuse to print it.

D.E. THOMPSON
Warren

Forever is a long time

TO THE EDITOR:
The *Oregonian* has taken a wise approach. The issue on Nov. 2 "isn't one of political probabilities. It's whether the Oregon Constitution should be amended to specify different rights for straight and gay Oregonians, forever. That is, after all, the meaning of amending the state constitution: declaring that a principle is so central it should bind Oregonians 50 and 100 years into the future—even on an issue where attitudes have changed dramatically just over the past two decades" (Aug. 6 editorial).

Attitudes have certainly changed for the better in my lifetime. Please do not vote to change the Oregon Constitution on Nov. 2. Measure 36 is an attempt to write discrimination into the Oregon Constitution. Constitutions are and should be hard to change. Don't vote to cause a long period of discrimination.

NELSON L. JONES
Portland

Bad medicine

TO THE EDITOR:
Insurance companies want us to think that doctors are leaving Oregon to avoid paying high medical malpractice premiums. But I just read about a study by Public Citizen showing that the number of doctors in Oregon is actually increasing.

Measure 35 won't help doctors, but it will limit our rights by changing the constitution. Voters should not be swayed by the insurance industry's slick campaign. Please join me in voting no on 35.

MICHAEL FRITSCH
Portland

Thanks for caring

TO THE EDITOR:
The blessing of my illness has been the love, support and prayers that I have received. I am overwhelmed that so many have taken the time from their busy lives to let me know they care.

I have never received cards so large and signed

just asking Vice President

Dick Cheney publicly acknowledges his lesbian daughter: Do you feel the White House is actually softening its stance on queers, or is it just pandering to moderates to ensure victory in November?

Just pandering. Republicans are being fooled by the religious right. The religious right are sinners with sin heads spewing more sin. No way can the Republicans overcome that, since they haven't been exposed to nonbigoted religion in all their lives!

ERIC EKSTROM
Harwich Port, Mass.

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Is it Cheney or the White House? Of course he should acknowledge his daughter; she is his child. But he did not in the first election. They wanted her to stay in the closet. It's pandering to get our votes—four more years of pushing us back to the Dark Ages!!!

EVA HOFFMAN
Milwaukee

next issue Now that President

Bush has lost the support of Log Cabin Republicans, do you feel he will learn a valuable lesson about remaining loyal to his queer supporters, or will this give the GOP license to become even more anti-gay? (Please see related item on Page 19.) Respond at www.justout.com. (Don't forget to include your name, city and daytime telephone number.)

by so many. I thank you for thinking of me.
With warm regards,

MAYOR VERA KATZ
Portland

Editor's note: This summer Just Out delivered several cards to Katz signed by well-wishers who visited our booth at Portland Pride 2004. She is continuing to undergo chemotherapy for a cancerous tumor found in her lower abdomen in June. A recent CT scan showed the cancer is no longer visible, but physicians have cautioned her that cancer cells could remain in her body.

Some things only get better...



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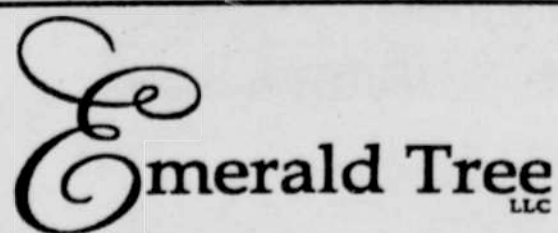
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