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Democrats remain in office after fall elections

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Democrats were happy with the latest Oregon elections on Nov. 7. Ted Kulongoski, Democratic Governor, will remain in office after defeating Republican candidate Ron Saxton. Kulongoski received 50.79 percent of the vote versus Saxton's 43.01 percent.

"It was not a Democratic win. It was more of a

Republican loss. Voters took out their frustrations with the war in Iraq and the Republican scandals in the elections. It was a tough year for anyone with an "R" after their name," Todd Jones, social studies teacher, said.

In the U.S. house race, Darlene Hooley, Democrat, will also stay with her job of District 5 representative which is the district West Linn is in. She won over Lake

Oswegian Mike Erickson, Republican. Erickson made an appearance at the Homecoming Game on Oct. 6. Hooley started in government, working for the West Linn City Council. West Linn students also helped the Hooley campaign.

"I went door-to-door and informed people of Hooley," Michael Lissman, senior, said.

The word "no," was the

key word in most of the proposed initiatives. Among the 10 measures on the ballot, only two passed: Measure 39, which bans condemnation of private property for economic development by another private property. Measure 44, which extends state-discounted prescription drugs to all Oregonians lacking prescription drug coverage.

"(Measure) 44 provides cheaper medication and (Measure) 39 says the government can't take property from people and then have private things built on it," Jones said.

Measure 43 which affects high school age groups was not passed. It would have required abortion providers to give notice to parents of minors within 48 hours.

"I was surprised the abortion initiative was not very close, but only because similar measures have passed in a number of other states," Jones said.

Jones was also surprised at the initiative having people

in legislature have shorter terms.

Donald Rumsfeld, Defense Secretary, resigned from his position after the overwhelming Democratic victory. Taking over for him will be former CIA director Robert Gates.

"People are upset with the situation in Iraq and the defense secretary takes a lot of the blame. I think Bush pushed for this as a way of saying he understands the people's frustrations. I was just surprised he did not do it sooner when people were upset before the elections," Jones said.

Nationwide the Democratic party was gaining on the Republican losses, but this does not preview the 2008 presidential race according to Jones.

"I have been around politics for a long time and I know if anyone says they can predict what is going to happen in the next two years, they are wrong," Jones said.

Market of Choice revives old West Linn

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Many students would argue that the school food is unhealthy and has too few options. Some would question the nutrition value that Sysco brand food contains. For those people, a new opportunity has opened. Market of Choice, the new supermarket in the West Linn Central Village, opened officially on Nov. 11.

"We have the freedom to give the customers what they want," Gregg Kruse, Manager of the West Linn Market of Choice, said. "If we don't carry it, all you have to do is ask. We carry the highest quality in all departments."

The store harbors many sections, including a coffee shop, a bakery, a cheese shop, a pizza place, as well as large produce section and aisles of organic foods.

For chocolate lovers, or for last minute gifts, they carry a large variety of Moonstruck Chocolate. Moonstruck Chocolate is a company that's based in Portland and is

known for its candies.

Located just down the hill from the high school, it's open for lunch for all seniors and juniors. Although it might be more expensive, many would argue that it's worth it.

A bagel with cream cheese is \$1 both in the cafeteria and at the Market of Choice, but Market of Choice has 10 different selections including onion, cheddar, and parmesan.

Many students have already found that Market of Choice is a great place to land a job. They pay above minimum wage and are very flexible with their hours. Many students work 10-16 hours a week



William Elliot, junior, checks pricing and arranges products while on the job at Market of Choice. The store officially opened on Nov. 11 and offers jobs paying above minimum wage to students.

Photo by Cole Fiala

compared to the usual 20 hour part-time jobs.

"[We also plan on] being a great part in the West Linn community by volunteering time, food, and any other way to lend a hand," Kruse said. "We're ready to be someone that West Linn can count on."

Kaleidoscope solicits student art, photography, creative writing

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Kaleidoscope gives student artists, photographers and writers an outlet to display their work in the literary magazine published each year.

Kaleidoscope began in the early 1980s and, according to Andrew West, adviser, some definite changes in content are possible because technology has improved. There is also more value placed on fresh, new ideas

rather than the teen angst which made up much of the earlier issues.

While West may play a large role in the development, he said that 90 percent of it is put together by the students. Jordan Grelewicz, Derrick Scholz and Isaac Cohen, seniors, serve as editors of the publication.

Meetings are held every Friday at lunch in Room D202. During meetings, the 20-25 members who

attend regularly look over submissions and discuss how they will encourage fellow students to submit work.

The submission deadline is Feb. 1, and then club meetings will shift focus and the members will begin selecting their favorite work. From the 300 or so submissions, they must narrow them to the approximately 175 pieces that will make up the final issue.

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Central Village set to open in January

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Since last January, people traveling in West Linn have been inconvenienced by traffic and road construction along Highway 43 and Hood Street. In January, West Linn Central Village will finally open to the public.

West Linn Central Village was designed and constructed by Gramor Development, but was built because the residents of West Linn asked for it, according to Debbie Noane, Director of Marketing for Gramor. "The redevelopment is in the process of transforming a tired property into a village setting, complete with a specialty grocer, quality retailers and services," Noane said.

Rumors have been circulating that stores such as Jamba Juice, Taco Bell, Quiznos, Cold Stone and Baja Fresh will be opening in the Village but the only stores that have been confirmed are Cold Stone, Taco Del Mar, Quiznos, Booster Juice and Tan Rio.



West Linn Central Village, off of Highway 43, will officially open to the public in January. The shopping development will include such businesses as Cold Stone, Quiznos and Booster Juice.

Photo by Cole Fiala

"I think it's awesome that a Tan Rio is being put in. It's nicer than the one on the hill and a lot closer to the school," Diane Henriot, senior, said.

Along with many restaurants and quality food stores, home, apparel and gift boutiques will be opening, according to Noane. Smaller occupancy sites in the Central Village will offer office spaces which will be inhabited by an orthodontist and real estate agencies such as Windemere.