

More Stuff

Hot off the Presses! Sahallie watch. Much to no one's surprise the Seaside City Council decided not to decide, again, Monday night October 25th. As the story grows more bizzare by the day, one council person had a heart attack, one disqualified himself as a realtor, and they all agreed to dodge the bullet til Nov. 22.

Again the chambers were full, as Seaside Citizens learned how painfully frustrating, boring, and messy democracy really is. New evidence will be accepted (in writing of course) before the last fateful meeting, and perhaps the most amusing will be that the land in question has apparently never been surveyed! How do you know what you are buying or selling if you do not measure it? We will probably not know the end of this story before the next Edge comes out, but either way we will let you know. And Hurray for the people of Seaside! Don't let them get you down!

Okay, it is November and several things spring to mind. Both of our sisters' birthdays (happy Susie and Judi), Thanksgiving (we must remember to thank those Native Americans in a more meaningful manner soon), and of course the elections.

This November thanks to the State Legislature and the State Judicial system we Oregonians once again vote on the question of Sales Tax. It is not that we think cursing the government everytime we buy something is not that great of an idea, it is just that we are offended by the tactics used in this recent attempt. Schools are not the problem, they are the solution, the problem is the schools are not funded as a first priority in this state. The schools should have on the state level the same holiness that the defense budget has on a federal level. It is not that we don't collect enough taxes in this state to run our school system, it's that we spend that money on everything but our children, and then hold a gun to our kids' heads and say "your money or your kid's life". It is not a fair question, it is not a solution, it is wrong. We believe that it is a symptom of a serious problem in Salem.

We respectfully suggest that though the problem is in the Legislature, the solution could be in the Governor's office. We have a great deal of respect for Gov. Roberts and what she represents to the citizens of this state, she is a fighter, and as compassionate a leader as we could hope for, but just as it was her family that brought her into the political arena, it should be her family that should again take priority and bring about her withdrawal. She need not worry for Oregon if John Kitzhaber does what he says he intends to do, and we have little doubt of his ability or resolve. We would hope that the best interests of Oregon, and the Roberts family, could be the same. We'll see how things look in the spring.

Kitzhaber '94

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This newspaper is on record as a supporter of the "Don't tell, we don't care" policy on everyone else's sex life. Regretfully, certain self-proclaimed defenders of hygienic practices among the nomadic tribes of the Middle East in 200 B.C., are again attempting to establish a State Religion. And we are just a little sick of it. (We can imagine the embarrassment it must be causing Jesus. He was known as a pretty tolerant guy, except when it came to the money changers.) Luckily there are some folks in almost every community who are willing to stand up for the Freedoms and Rights that so many Americans have died for. In this area we recommend you get in touch with the Good Neighbors PAC. (As in, good fences make good neighbors, so don't go peeking into my backyard, it's none of your business what I do there.) These folks are currently distributing an advisory petition that calls on the City of Warrenton to refuse to alter the Warrenton Charter so that it will discriminate against folks based on who they have sex with. We recommend you give them some help. Become a Good Neighbor by writing to Good Neighbor PAC Box 432, Warrenton, Or 97146-0432, or you can call Vernice Berg at 861-3869 or Jim Maggert at 861-2752 and send in a few bucks; these are local folks trying to keep this country free, and they don't get money from television evangelists who can afford to run for president every four years. If you want to sign the advisory (you don't have to be a registered voter) you can find it in Astoria at Parnassus Books, in Warrenton at Anderson Farigenti Coffee, or in Cannon Beach at El Mundo's for Women, Bill's Tavern or JUPITER'S RARE AND USED BOOKS.

Okay, now we've started ranting we have a hard time stopping. Packwood. Just quit, go be a lobbyist for the timber industry, don't tell us about the other Senators, we really don't want to be embarrassed by our "leaders" anymore. (We know it is too much to hope. In reality we can expect a Made for T.V. Movie -- "Senatorial Sex Scandals: The Packwood Diary") We apparently can't impeach or recall him, ... is tar and feathering too old fashioned?

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