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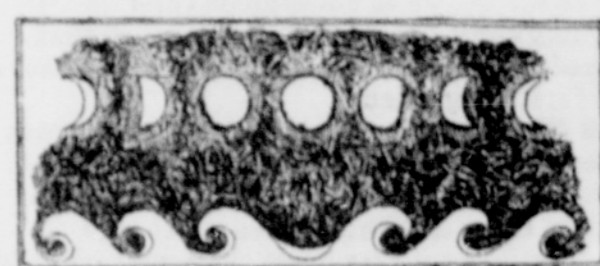
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Politics is the Art of the Possible



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MOONS & TIDES

Editorial Now & Then

Each month it is possible that we will fail to finish the Edge on time, or won't have the money to print. Each election it is possible that the folks we vote for and the ballot measures we support, will lose. For years we voted for folks who just couldn't win.

The polls tell us Measure 13 could possibly win, that the Republicans will, possibly, win the Senate and the House. Polls have told us a lot of things that turned out wrong. But what our headline really means is that politics can only do the possible, not the impossible, like make everything perfect. And the art is to find out what it is possible to do at any given time. It is possible that we can do a lot to improve our country, State, county, and Cities. It is possible that we will fail, and hurt ourselves badly. If we fail to vote, we have failed as citizens and neighbors.

So, folks, let's take it from the top. You knew you would have to deal with it sooner or later, so here we go: Ballot Measure time!! We will try to make this as painless as possible. We know it will be tough, but dammit, democracy isn't easy or pretty, so do your duty, and we can get through this with a minimum of damage.

Strangely enough the Ballot Measures begin with:

***3 YES** It is a housekeeping measure that changes deadlines for filling vacancies at General Election, bipartisan support. **No Cost.**

***4 YES** Creates a vacancy if a State Legislator is convicted of a Felony. (Duh!) **No Cost**

***5 NO** Bars New or Increased Taxes without Voter approval. **Cost: \$1.75 million per year.** Sounds good, we get to vote on how much we pay, but it is a simplistic solution. We are a representative form of government, we elect guys to do this. We would be taxed by popularity polls. No thanks.

***6 NO** Candidates may use only contributions from district residents. **Cost: \$100,000 per year.** Again, simplistic solution to a serious problem. PAC's Try again.

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***7 NO** Amends Constitution: Guarantees Equal Protection: Lists Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination. **No Cost.** What? Are we against equal protection? No, we are against incomplete lists. Oregon has the strongest protection in the country against discrimination. This amendment weakens, not strengthens the Constitution of Oregon.

***8 NO** Public Employees pay part of salary for pension. **Cost Reduction of \$232 million per year.** This is a Constitutional Amendment dealing with employee pensions. What's next -- a description of janitors' duties? This is a collective bargaining problem best left to the Unions and the Employers, our representatives. We pay people to do this and if we don't like how they do the job, we vote them out, we don't take on the job ourselves. This is a bad example of Legislation by Initiative which is causing us to vote on so many questions.

***9 YES** Adopts contribution and spending limits, other finance law changes. **Cost, one time expense for changes, \$113,000; revenue increase \$2.1 million per year.** This is a long legal document that is a good example of the use of the Initiative process used to restrain our politicians. It will allow poor folks to be elected to office! Think of it! Someone representing the majority for a change!

***10 NO** Legislature cannot reduce voter-approved sentence without a 2/3 vote. **No Cost.** Another attempt to do the job that is not being done by the folks we elected. (Think about it.) There is a place to solve that problem on another part of your ballot.

***11 NO** Mandatory sentences. **Cost: \$461.8 million over five years.** Mandatory almost anything rubs us the wrong way. The House of Umoja, who knows more about crime prevention than any Judge, Police Officer, Probation Officer, or anyone else you can name is against it and so are we.

***12 NO** Repeals prevailing wage rate requirement for workers on public works. **Cost, savings of \$92,000 annually.** Again Micro-management by the voters.

***13 NO** Amends Constitution: Government cannot approve, create classifications based on Homosexuality. **No Cost.** Bastard "son of 9" from the Oh, Christ, Again, folks. We don't care if you worship false gods, don't pay property taxes, and refuse to work on Sunday. You have your "God" on our money and in the pledge of allegiance to our flag, but now you want to come in the bedroom. It is to laugh. The only cool thing about the OCA is that they bring out the truly wonderful folks from the Special Rightousness Committee, the best reading in the Oregon Voter Pamphlet two elections running!

***14 YES** Amends Chemical process mining laws, ads requirements, prohibitions, standards, fees. **Cost: potential increase of revenues \$2 million annually.** We have the toughest

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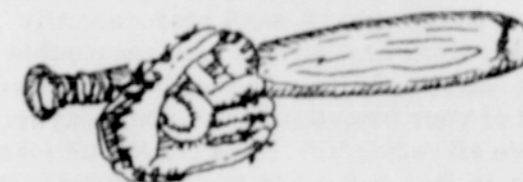
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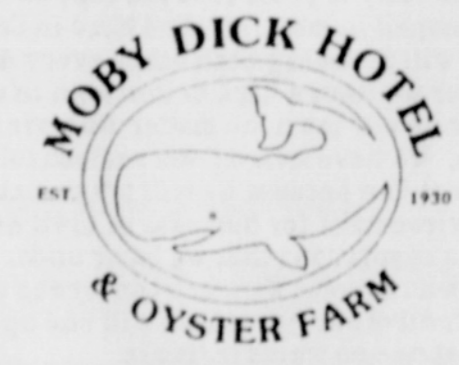
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BASEBALL

Baseball... What can we say? The Cy Youngs have been awarded, the MVPs et al. But what do they mean? This will always be the year that Baseball failed the fans.





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