

laws on mining in the country. This makes them tougher! That is good, folks.

* 15 NO State must maintain funding for schools, community colleges. Cost: \$713 million annually. Sounds good, doesn't do the job.

* 16 YES Allows terminally ill adults to obtain prescription for lethal drugs. No Cost. Death With Dignity is opposed by the Catholic Church's Oregon Catholics for Life PAC and they sight Michigan Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald who said "The 'guarantee of personal privacy' has been 'extended to activities relating to marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, and child rearing and education.' 'Judicial discovery of a right to terminate one's life is not a logical extension of this catalog of rights.' Excuse us? You marry, have babies, raise kids, send them to school, then you die, right? Sounds logical to us. The right to end your life, when and how one chooses, is as important as the right to begin another life or not, as one chooses.

* 17 NO Requires state prison inmates to work full time. No estimate on Cost or savings. What color uniforms should they wear? Let's vote! Let's not.

* 18 YES Bans hunting bears with bait, hunting bears and cougars with dogs. Costs \$100,000 annually in hunting fees. This is a Dumb Hunters Preservation Law, next they will want to hunt deer with assault rifles and napalm.

* 19 NO Amends Constitution: No free speech protection for obscenity, child pornography. No Cost. No, we do not support child pornography, but we have laws against that already. No, make no mistake, this is an attack on the First Amendment.

* 20 NO "Equal Tax" on trade replaces current taxes. Cost: at least \$490 million in 1996. This is another Measure 5 mentality measure, and we know how that turned out. Large corporations got a tax break, homeowners got the shaft, and government was crippled.

All done! Okay, let's get this down to a formula.

Vote YES on six measures, 3, 4, 9, 14, 16, & 18;

18 is Bears,

16 is Death with Dignity,

14 is Mining,

9 is Spending limits,

4 is Felons in Salem and

3 is Filing deadlines.

Three Measures dealing rationally with controlling our legislators/politicians, 3, 4, and 9; two environmental issues, 14 & 18; and one, 16, a personal choice issue. Easy, huh?

NO on everything else. Everything else is Tax revolt, rightwing Christian, or some other mean spirited crap.

Now, on to the Candidates. Isn't this FUN?

Well, now, things are beginning to heat up in the various political arenas. Our local campaign for mayor, if our valley readers and the subscribers around the country (and Australia) will indulge us, is a prime example of what politics is all about in the 90's. We have Kirk Anderson, a local guy who has served the community as a City Councilor, who works at a local restaurant, drives a rusty old car and is not the most articulate fellow you would ever want to meet, but still cares a great deal about his town, and his family. He can be found playing soccer with his son in the park on a regular basis. He has a confessed weakness for Apple Pie baked with Granny Smiths; he plans to spend less than a hundred dollars of his own money on his campaign, forcing some of his supporters to make their own lawn signs and buttons. And the other fellow, Ron Crowe, owns a business that is in another town, and plans to spend a thousand dollars on his campaign, with professionally made lawn signs and buttons, and has trouble spelling "environment". Do you detect a bias on the part of your beloved editor? Well, maybe. But, as we all recall, Rev. Hulits is a Republican and does, in fact, believe in the free enterprise system. He is a business owner. And he has the humble Ms. Sally to proof read his copy so he doesn't misspell Dumbocrat. And here in Cannon Beach we will be seeing each other every day or so, whether we have a Kirk or Ron sign in our window or on our lawn, no matter who wins, life will go on. We have heard from various folks who support Ron because he will try to make a better environment for business in town and reduce the regulations that we labor under. And the folks who support Kirk are concerned that if we don't control our growth we will end up with a town that no one wants to live in.

So, who do we endorse? We endorse almost any citizen who has the Moxie to put their name on the ballot and submit themselves to what it takes to serve their community. Given the options of Ron or Kirk, we choose, in this particular instance, Kirk Anderson. We feel that Kirk is doing what he is doing for all the right reasons, he lives and works in Cannon Beach everyday, he has experience with the City Council and is willing, nonetheless, to serve as Mayor. We think that Ron will gain experience from this campaign, and, if his wallet holds out he might run for office again, but if he does, we would recommend that he examine his motives. In his statement in the Gazette, and at the Candidate's

To escape criticism -- do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. Elbert Hubbard

Forum, he said he wanted to represent the majority of Cannon Beach, which he apparently felt was being manipulated by a vocal minority. We sincerely think that he has made an error in the way that he counted. You see, votes are counted equally. The property owner's vote, or the business owners vote is not worth any more than the young woman who works for minimum wage and tips in the local restaurant. And we feel that she, and we, will be better represented by Mr. Anderson. So, no big surprise after all.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Little and Laurel Hood, who are running unopposed for City Council, for their willingness to serve the community. We are constantly amazed at the quality of people who will sacrifice their time for this community. We are truly blessed.

Now, moving outward to the County-wide races of Commission; we have some recommendations here, as well. First, Cannon Beach's own Helen Westbrook is running for County Commission for District 5. We have found Helen to be honest, dependable, and easy to work with. Traits sorely needed and currently lacking on the Commission. We recently had the opportunity to hear Helen speak of her desire to serve the people of Clatsop County, and were impressed. Her opponent offers little but his experience of being appointed to the commission and being largely responsible for its destruction. District 4 finds Geoff Stone running unopposed, an active participant in local affairs and a Llama rancher. Don't you love Oregon? District 3 has seven candidates to choose from and we recommend David Ambrose. In a crowded and over-qualified field, his is a clear voice.

District 2 has six contenders, five guys and Bunny Dear. Talk about a positive energy, well, just read her bio in this issue. Now, the most important county vote, District 1, has a stealth candidate who equates the job of County Commissioner with being a referee at a basketball game. Please, in the voter's pamphlet he makes no mention of his long association with the OCA, his stand on a right to choose, etc. Even though she has withdrawn from the race, we recommend that you vote for Leslie Shepard, rumor has it if she wins she will serve.

One person that we on the Edge have reason to be proud of is Rep. Elizabeth Furse, whom we predict will become one of the historic voices to come out of Oregon. She is engaged in a battle with a half-Witt who is an example of what is wrong with the Republican party these days. He called Ms. Furse an extremist and then brought in the "well known moderate" Pat (the Pit Bull) Buchanan to support his views. Vote for Furse, you will be proud to tell your children you voted for her and with luck they will be able to do the same. She has been endorsed by The Oregonian, the Daily Astorian, Georgie Packwood (Ex of the Senator of the same name, but still a Republican) and Audrey McCall (the widow of our beloved former Republican Governor), plus many others; we proudly add our small voice.

Dr. K is happily going to be our new Governor, we wish him well, and hope we have seen the last of Mr. Smith who went to Washington and did nothing for Oregon.

Now to the rest of the ticket, well, it hurts the beloved reverend to admit it, but we Republicans have again offered a field of cranky middle-aged white men, so vote for the Democrats and hope for the best.

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To the Editor:

I strongly endorse Kirk Anderson for mayor of Cannon Beach. I encourage residents of Cannon Beach to do the same.

Kirk has been actively working to maintain and improve the quality of life in Cannon Beach for many years. Among other activities, he was a member of Parks and Community Services and four years ago this community elected him to serve on City Council.

As an elected official running for another post in the city -- his past actions come under fire and are certainly part of the consideration of his qualification to be our mayor. I am the first to admit that I have not always agreed with the decisions which Kirk has made. But I respect the manner in which he has conducted himself as a council member.

Kirk has a laid back, casual style. He's not slick. Quite frankly, he's really not out to impress people. He "does his homework" and comes to decisions which are informed. When he has the choice between talking a lot and talking a little -- he talks little. Kirk is not a "politician" in that sense. He is a community member trying to make a difference here where he makes his home with wife and son.

I believe that Kirk is respectful toward the individuals with whom he works and serves. While issues are certainly an integral portion of an election debate -- it must be noted that the mayor serves as a vital member of a functioning team. This position requires a solid individual with listening skills and a judicious manner. This position requires someone who will not call undue attention to himself simply because of the position he holds. Calm. Attentive. Cooperative leadership skill. These are all qualities I have seen Kirk Anderson demonstrate and believe he

will demonstrate them soundly as mayor of our community.

Make a vote for continuity. Make a vote for a long-time member of our community -- I urge you to vote for Kirk Anderson.

I heartily endorse Helen Westbrook for County Commission representing district five. I am tempted to address the past performance of the Commission as a strong indication that change is needed. Rather than detail that -- I will address the past performance and current strengths of Helen Westbrook.

I have worked with Helen on several community projects, including the Cannon Beach Energy Conservation Project. Her leadership skills are both person and task oriented. I have seen her masterfully negotiate through difficult issues and heated debate. I have benefited from her developed planning practices. Certainly Helen has a "get it done" reputation. When Helen says she will do something -- it gets done.

I have observed Helen's practice of doing her homework before she expresses her opinion. She has a passion for detail and a keen capacity to wade through complex issues and make sense of them.

Helen Westbrook's interest in the life and vitality of her community is expressed through many public service venues -- she's even been a regular volunteer for the Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Shop! Her willingness to run and carry the tough assignment of being a county commissioner is backed up by the qualities required to perform the job well.

I urge folks in Clatsop County to vote for a refreshing change. This is not simply change for the sake of something different -- I believe Helen represents a style of operating that Clatsop County needs.

Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey
Cannon Beach

Dear Mr. Hulits and all the folks who make The Edge,

Your paper means contact with ideas that nature and challenge me. My husband, Dick, read your paper from cover to cover. He died on March 30th this year and I miss him. We loved the Northwest and I don't want to see it deforested and covered with cement. Bravo to you all!

Thelma Todd Case

Our thanks and sympathy. Ed-

Dear Beloved Rev. Hulits,

Enclosed is my check for subscription plus gift because I really enjoy your stuff and believe in what you are doing. "Wildlife on the Edge" is good -- so good you should collect it into a book! Hang in there.

Sincerely, Ann Berlureau

Way ahead of you Ann. Ed-

On a personal note, Happy Birthday to my sisters Judy, Nov. 10th and Suzy, Nov. 24th.

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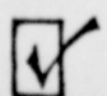
If a politician murders his mother, the first response of the press or his opponents will likely be not that it was a terrible thing to do, but rather that in a statement made six years before he had gone on record as being opposed to matricide. Meg Greenfield

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