

Letters to the editor

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For Measure 5

To the Editor:

As owner and operator of a legitimate dental laboratory, I would like to comment on the deceptive campaign being financed by the Oregon Dental Association and the American Dental Association against Measure 5.

This campaign does not speak to the issues but instead it is an unscrupulous attempt to scare and confuse the voters. It is not only an affront to the dental technicians like myself, but also to the colleges of Oregon, the State Board of Health, and to the intelligence of the Oregon voter.

The managers of "No on 5" want the voters to believe that the dental technicians who can become denturists are so stupid and uneducated that they "would not have to be able to read or write" (Alex L. Parks, Voters Pamphlet, p. 35) In other words:

1. The technician is somewhere short of being an imbecile;
2. The colleges of Oregon would accept these low-grade types, teach and pass them through courses in head and oral anatomy, pathology, physiology, clinical denture technology, etc., as this measure requires: All without them knowing how to read or write;
3. The State Board of Health is not capable of setting up or administering standards rigid enough to weed out the undesirables; and
4. The people of Oregon are naive enough to believe all this nonsense.

The opposition is throwing out scary words and phrases such as "a dangerous lowering of health standards", "replace dentist", and "cancer". A close study of the measure will reveal that it is actually an upgrading of training in denture technology and that it still allows the public the choice of going to a dentist for dentures if they wish. Also, a denturist will not pull teeth, they will only make and fit replacement dentures.

Then, of course, plain old logic tells us that there is a far greater chance of cancer being caused by the thousands of old, worn out, ill-fitting dentures being worn by people who cannot afford to replace them at today's prices, than there is by new dentures made by a denturist. This is substantiated by the fact that Canada has had denturism since 1959 without causing health problems and that there has not been a single malpractice suit filed against a denturist in Canada since denturism was legalized.

I suppose that one of the things that bothers me the most is that an organization with the stature of the ODA and the ADA would resort to tactics that can only serve to undermine the credibility of their many fine member dentists which I have served for over 16 years.

In the meantime, I sincerely believe that a YES on 5 will best serve the citizens of Oregon by GIVING THEM THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE.

Gary Hornbeck
Hood River

Measure 3-13

To the Editor:

As a strong supporter of county measure 3-13, I'd like to briefly explain why it's so important that we pass it.

The county is 1,500 sq. miles, contains 225,000 people and twelve cities. Each area of the county has vastly different problems and needs that go without solution because the three commissioners have traditionally been urban residents. Currently all three live within five miles of each other.

With the growth we are facing, the time has come to call a halt to the county-wide races which continue to give us commissioners who cannot be held accountable for their actions and decisions which injure people and communities. Nor are they accountable for the obscene waste of our tax

dollars; for the shocking increase in bureaucrats and their salaries; for budget cuts to essential services rather than reduce their 'flunkies'; for inept policy decision; for their lack of leadership.

In short, the county-wide system increasingly protects the incumbent and shuts out the fresh new leadership which is so badly needed. When a successful campaign costs between \$7,000-\$12,000 and the average "clean" candidate can raise \$1000, the problem isn't hard to spot. As we become a more populous county, races will become more expensive. Districting would cut those costs down to where a good candidate has a fair chance of winning.

By districting, Sandy would get a commissioner who is familiar with the special problems of the area. With the county having control of the area around Sandy and the costs which can be forced upon the city to provide services for new development, it would seem essential to Sandy that there be a commissioner from the area who knows how best to represent the people.

Jean Baker
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For Meligan

To the Editor:

Gerald "Jerry" Meligan is a new candidate for State Representative of District 26, but Jerry has been a generous contributor of grass roots political savvy to the district for a good many years. Jerry not only understands local needs and problems but has unselfishly given his time to research issues and present information and literature at public meetings and to individuals.

The incumbent merely offered a sympathetic ear to his constituents during the McCall-conceived and Straub-perpetuated era of obstructionism. While the citizens of Oregon were denied the right to own homes at affordable prices, faced runaway inflation, and were forced to turn their property rights over to the corporations, the incumbent made no constructive effort on behalf of the people. Jerry

Meligan, on the other hand, spoke out against bureaucratic abuses and made it clear that he stands for an informed public that can control its destiny and will fight for the rights and freedom we are losing.

Wm. C. Schneider
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Boring

Thanks

To the Editor:

The Sandy Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sandy Lions Club would like to thank the Sandy merchants who supported our annual Halloween Dance Saturday night.

Tony's Cafe (Foothills), Dairy Queen, Babe's Big Boy Pizza, Blushing Zebra, Wooden Hutch Furniture, Gordon Stone's Key to Fashion, Al's Barber Shop, William's Thriftway, Sharon's Food King, Griff's Longburger, Sandy Exxon, Sandy Mobil, Chuck Baker Realty, The Hairline, Sandy Arco, Rexall Drug, Oregon Trail Savings, the Gateway tavern and Sandy Lumber and Hardware.

All proceeds will go to the VFW building renovation fund.

Bob Sweeney
Commander
VFW Post 4273

For Walden

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of Paul Walden, the person I would like to see restored as our District 56 Representative to the State Legislature.

I have known him since 1972 when I ran against him in the primary election that year to gain his seat in the Legislature. Although I was defeated, I believe he was the proper man to return to the Legislature because of his experience there especially in matters regarding taxation. Since 1972, I have on more than one occasion, visited with him both at the capitol and in Sandy regarding various legislation. I have always found him to be cooperative and helpful in providing any information that he is able.

I would like to specifically

point out that Mr. Walden has served extensively on the House Taxation Committee and has considerable experience in this area. On the other hand, the incumbent, I would like to point out also that our Democratic governor and party supporters, such as Mr. Fawbush, had two sessions of the Legislature to do something about the tax situation in Oregon.

However, they waited almost until the election, and after Measure 6 was placed on the ballot, to call a special session of the Legislature to propose Measure 11 in opposition to Measure 6.

Wayne Fawbush, has provided a "fact sheet" regarding the pros and cons of Measure 6 and 11, which, in my opinion, only confuses the matter more.

Since he is a Democrat, I can only assume that he is supporting Governor Straub, who also supports Measure 11.

Paul Walden is an experienced legislator, and one who deserves to be returned to office this election. He has told us exactly where he stands, and why. He has outlined both tax ballot measures and presented both the good and the bad about each without trying to conceal or shade the truth. Paul Walden will have my vote Nov. 7.

Vernon L. Richards
Sandy

For Fawbush

To the Editor:

Election time is always confusing to the ordinary citizen as the candidates and issues seem so distant. It was a surprise to have our state representative, Wayne Fawbush, knock at our front door, come in, and spend a half-hour with us explaining the various measures on this year's ballot.

It was the first time we had met Mr. Fawbush and after he left, we could not help but admire him for his efforts to

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contact the voters in such a direct, personal manner. He certainly impressed us as a candidate interested in economy in government and the future of Oregon.

Art Prochaska
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Sandy

House boats

To the Editor:

Prior to the 1977 session of the Oregon Legislature, boat houses which were held for recreational purposes were exempt from personal property taxes, as is all other personal property held for recreational use, such as fishing tackle, golf clubs, hunting equipment, snowmobiles, golf carts, TV sets, etc.

The 1977 session of the legislature removed the exemption for boat houses. Wayne Fawbush voted for this bill. I am sure that he is an honest and honorable man, so I must conclude that given the opportunity he would vote to remove the exemption for all personal property.

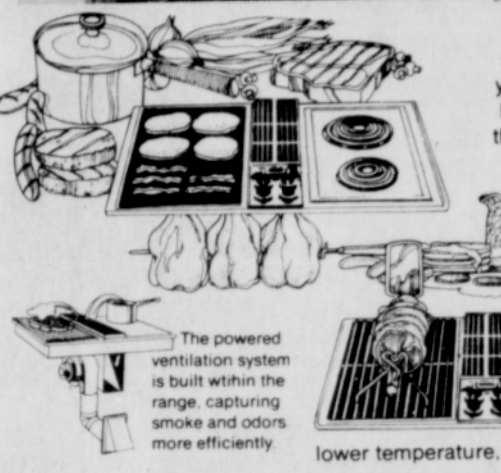
If you would like to pay personal property taxes on all of your recreational equipment, I recommend that you cast your vote for Mr. Fawbush on Nov. 7.

J.P. Hounsell
Hood River



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A "Mess With Measure 4"

That's how the Corvallis *Gazette Times* sees it, if this proposal to make 20 drastic changes in laws governing the financing of Oregon PUDs is not defeated.

PUDs are political agencies with the authority to levy taxes, float bonds, and otherwise obligate taxpayers for the purpose of providing electric (or water) service.

Measure 4 Gives a Blank Check to Political Agencies

It costs millions of dollars in public debt when a PUD condemns and takes over another electric system

Under present law, as the Bend Bulletin points out, voters have a "chance to learn the price tag before they give the final approval of the formation of the district. Measure 4 would trade that chance for a blank check. It should be defeated."

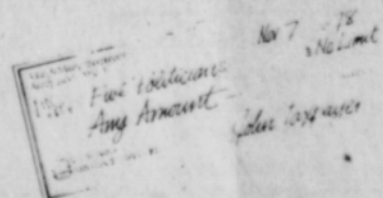
Why is Measure 4 a Blank Check?

Because it gives elected officials of a political agency unrestricted approval to issue revenue bonds in **any amount** to condemn and buy or to construct an electric system.

"The notice of election...shall state that revenue bonds are proposed and that they would be used for the acquisition or construction of an initial utility system. **Neither the election notice or ballot shall be required to state the amount of revenue bonds to be issued.**" Measure 4, Section 14(2)

They don't even have to tell you how much public debt they intend to pile up! And you never will have the right to vote on the amount!

This is why the Eugene *Register-Guard* stated that, "The blank-check approach to financing new PUDs throughout Oregon is unreasonable."



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