

COUNTY PASSES UPA RESOLUTION

The Lane County Board of Commissioners voted 4 to 1 on July 2 in favor of passing a county-wide resolution rejecting the USA PATRIOT Act (UPA). Commissioners Dwyer, Green, Lininger and Sorenson voted for the resolution. Commissioner Morrison voted against it, saying the UPA was a matter that should be handled at the federal level.

In a Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee (LCBORDC) e-mail announcement following the vote, member and organizer Hope Marston wrote, "There are teeth in this resolution. ... the Board of Commissioners took a strong stand keeping our county tax dollars from supporting the UPA [and] post-9/11 Executive and Department of Justice orders that violate our Constitutional guarantees. ... I think it may be one of the strongest resolutions passed to date by a county government." This decision makes for 132 city and county resolutions nationwide and three state resolutions against the UPA. — *Bobbie Willis*

Oregon's long-time campaign finance reform and public power advocate, in the City of Estacada's Timber Park for trying to collect signatures on a measure to create a People's Utility District (PUD) in Clackamas County in order to get Enron out of Oregon.

The officers on the scene refused to read or comply with the recent decision of the federal court for Oregon that cities cannot halt lawful activities in public parks supposedly booked by private groups. Marbet handed them the court decision, but they would not read it.

Timber Park is a public park of the City of Estacada located on land owned by Portland General Electric (PGE) but under long-term lease to the city. A security guard told Marbet that PGE did not want him to collect signatures there. The park at the time was being used for the annual 4th of July celebration, open to the public, sponsored by the Estacada Chamber of Commerce.

Marbet paid to enter the park but security guards would not allow him to do so. Instead, they physically grabbed and held him. The guards also stopped people from approaching Marbet. The Clackamas County Sheriff sent two squad cars with several officers, who handcuffed Marbet, arresting him for criminal trespass, and transported him to the county jail in Oregon City.

All of the events at the park were videotaped, as the security guards tried to block the view of the person doing the taping.

"People have the right to collect signatures on public property," says attorney Dan Meek. "Forbidding someone from entering a public park, simply because he is carrying a petition and openly admits his intention to collect signatures, is a pure content-based restriction on speech and is clearly in direct violation of Article I, Section 8, of the Oregon Constitution and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution."

In April, U.S. District Court Judge Ancer Haggerty issued a decision forbidding the City of Portland from excluding Edward Gathright from Waterfront Park during events sponsored by private organizations.



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UNLAWFUL ARREST

On July 4, the day Americans celebrate things like free speech, the Clackamas County Sheriff arrested Lloyd K. Marbet,

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George Braddock

After spending three years at UNLV on a football scholarship, and doing summer work as a union carpenter, in 1974 Pittsburgh native George Braddock moved to Oregon.

"I worked in the woods a couple of years, then went back to carpentry," he notes. "I helped build Autzen Stadium and remodel Mac Court."

When the bottom fell out of construction in 1980, Braddock got licensed and went into business for himself. A client, UO psychology professor Dan Close, got him interested in specialized construction to meet the needs of developmentally disabled adults.

"Dan envisioned the closure of Fairview," he says. "He saw potential for the physical environment to empower people in the community." Since 1986, Braddock Construction has completed more than 1500 projects for people with disabilities, from wheelchair ramps to entire houses. Since 1999, Braddock has been asked to consult with regional centers in California on housing projects that integrate the disabled. "It's fascinating stuff," he says. "People can become citizens in the full meaning of the term."

But Braddock has brought comfort to others, as well. This weekend's Oregon Country Fair will be the 27th in succession for Braddock's popular booth, the Ritz Sauna.



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--AND ACCORDING TO A SENIOR WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL, YOU CAN'T SUPPORT THE **TROOPS** UNLESS YOU SUPPORT THE **PRESIDENT**--AND HEAVEN KNOWS, WE ALL WANT TO SUPPORT THE **TROOPS!** RIGHT, BIFF?

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The court concluded that the City could not exclude or arrest anyone "unless there is probable cause to believe they have violated a valid statute, City ordinance, or park regulation." He ruled that exercising First Amendment rights in the park cannot violate a park regulation and that event sponsors cannot stop people from expressing views they disagree with.

"A city cannot 'lease' a public park to the Chamber of Commerce or to any other private group for a day or a week or a year and then claim that the park is somehow 'private property,'" says Meek. "That would be like renting a city park to the Ku Klux Klan and then claiming that only white people are allowed to enter the park, because it is suddenly no longer a public park."

Marbet, who says he had no intention of interfering with park events, says, "How ironic that I was arrested on the 4th of July for exercising the freedoms that this day is supposed to represent."

Marbet was released on personal recognition after being held for four hours. His arraignment is scheduled for Aug. 4.

"It's mindboggling to realize how bad it's becoming — this encroachment upon our civil liberties," says Marbet. "It's bad enough that the Supreme Court reversed themselves on allowing people to petition in shopping centers." Now, Marbet says people are being arrested for petitioning near post offices. "That's public property. What is going on here?" — *Aria Seligmann*

HOMELAND INSECURITY

Concerned that terrorists may crash an airliner into the Eugene Hilton? Don't you worry. The city of Eugene has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness.

The Eugene Fire Department says it will use the money to buy a new vehicle to tow around rescue equipment for structural and trench collapses. Meanwhile state and local governments con-



tinue their struggle to rescue the elderly and disabled trapped under a collapsing state budget. — *Alan Pittman*

APARTMENT RECYCLING

The City of Eugene has been getting complaints from apartment dwellers who want to recycle but their apartment manager refuses.

Eugene has an estimated 23,000 apartments, according to a memo from Eugene Planning and Development Director Tom Coyle. But, unlike other cities in the Northwest, Eugene has no law requiring that apartment managers provide recycling service.

Apartment managers often refuse recycling service because of perceived space limitations and mess. But the city's recent move to commingled recycling may alleviate some of those problems.

The city plans to study how many apartments don't have recycling and look at options to promote waste reduction, including requiring that managers allow their tenants to recycle. — *AP*

BODY COUNTS

As of June 30, at least 248 American and British forces have been killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. About 70 have died since the war officially ended May 1. Estimates of Iraqi civilians killed grows daily and currently ranges from 6,011 to 7,653. Source: www.pigstye.net/iraq/

FRINGE FESTIVAL CANCELED

The Fringe Festival, originally scheduled for this weekend to keep the party going at Secret House Vineyards Winery long after the Country Fair closed its gates, isn't happening. Promoter Dave Ammon pulled the plug on the event after agreements he made with Secret House Vineyards weren't working out.

Initially, the festival, which is not related at all to the Oregon Country Fair as has erroneously been reported in the *R-G*, was meant to bring in Country Fairgoers who get "swept out" at 7 pm. Acts were booked long into the night, with the midnight show being the main attraction. The event