

your endorsements (10/14), but to treat Pacific Green Party U.S. Senate candidate Teresa Keane so dismissively is inexcusable.

Even David Cobb and vice presidential candidate Patricia LaMarche, acknowledging Bush as the greater evil, are campaigning strategically to ensure his removal. But puh-leez, let's at least acknowledge Kerry for what he is — a political hack who supports wanton American militarism or, as he said a half a dozen times during the sham debates, "killing" the enemy.

Kerry and Bush must both consider Iraqi children "the enemy" because, as anyone who has seen *Fahrenheit 9/11* can attest, they're a significant percentage of the "casualties" of this unnecessary, immoral and repulsive war.

Incumbent Sen. Ron Wyden, another hawk masquerading as a liberal, has a \$5 million campaign war chest courtesy of the timber and insurance companies whose bidding he does. Wyden has been in Congress for 24 years claiming to protect our interests while ancient forests are clear-cut and 47 million Americans go without health insurance. Keane, a nurse practitioner, union member and mother of two, supports single payer universal health insurance to cover every citizen, an end to commercial logging on public lands and an end to the war in Iraq.

Keane's right-wing Republican opponent has a snowball's chance of winning. So why does *EW* cast Keane as a "protest" candidate and the right-winger as a legitimate one?

Bush I bombed Iraq, Clinton bombed Iraq, Bush II is bombing Iraq and so will Kerry if he's elected. Nothing will ever change unless people vote their consciences and demand instant runoff voting. Nov. 3 won't be the bright, shiny day you envision, even if Bush is re-defeated, unless people join with the Pacific Green Party to work for peace and genuine democracy. Otherwise, the president *you* worked to elect will interpret your vote and your silence as support for his deadly and misguided "plan" for the war in Iraq.

*Blair Bobier  
Corvallis*

**DO ALL THE BALLOT**

We face a long ballot this year, but don't let that deter you from fully exercising your right to influence our direction as a nation, as a state, and as a city. After you cast your presidential vote, keep working your way to the end of the ballot.

And when you mark your ballot, please be sure to give a resounding "no" to Constitutional Amendment 36. This discrimi-

natory measure would enshrine unequal treatment for gay and lesbian Oregonians into our fundamental legal document, the Oregon Constitution. Friends of mine who are as committed to each other as any heterosexual couple could be denied any possibility of health care benefits, inheritance rights, and medical decision making for their partner if this biased amendment passes.

Please join me in voting no on Measure 36.

*David Kelly  
Eugene City Councilor*

**PROZANSKI A LEADER**

I am writing this letter because Sen. Floyd Prozanski is working hard to address the problems facing the state and people in his district. When I went up to Salem to talk to our legislators about legislation affecting solar energy, he was the only one to personally take time to see me instead of shuffling me off to a staff member, even though I had appointments to meet other legislators and just dropped by his office to drop off some information.

In addition, I was working with a small group to discuss how to promote hydrogen as an alternative fuel, and Prozanski, our representative at the time, took his time to come to the evening meeting and participate in the discussion and provided very intelligent input. Prozanski is interested making sure that Oregon is able to address the tough problems facing Oregonians today and in the future.

I am supporting Floyd Prozanski because he is a leader in our state Legislature, is working hard to make state government accomplish its tasks in an efficient and economical manner and has a heartfelt desire to make Oregon the best that it can be.

*Frank Vignola  
Eugene*

**DEATH TO 37**

Do not be fooled by the pro-"property rights" bilge spouted by proponents of Measure 37. If you follow this nonsense to its logical conclusion, I should be compensated by the government for not being allowed to grow dope on my property. Or, the same government could waive the offending laws that make it illegal and I can quit my job and get busy on a multi-million dollar crop next year.

Measure 37 is not meant for little people. Only the big boys have the necessary incestuous relationships with local land use departments to make it work. They have full time minions working with the supposed civil servants in Lane County.

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