

just before he would have been re-elected. A remarkable book was published last fall called *American Assassination: The Strange Death of Senator Paul Wellstone* by Four Arrows and Jim Fetzer — its sober evidence was ignored by those working to ensure the “opposition” to the status quo avoids core issues.

If the Democrats ever decide to have a truth commission to expose the stolen 2000 and 2004 elections, the “plane crashes” of Wellstone and Gov. Carnahan (who ran against then Sen. Ashcroft in 2000), the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., Cheney’s complicity in 9/11, the anthrax attacks on the Democrats and the media — then would there be a possibility of reversing our slide into fascism.

Mark Robinowitz  
Eugene

**CALL IT RAPE**

The 4/7 “Slant” column featured “congrats” to *Willamette Week*’s Nigel Jaquiss for his Pulitzer Prize-winning expose of former Democratic Gov. Neil Goldschmidt’s pedophilic assaults on a 14-year-old girl.

Appropriately, the Slant editor chides *The Oregonian* for failing to investigate the godfather of the Oregon Democratic Party earlier. After hearing his only public *mea culpa* confession to the serial rapes, the sympathetic liberal *Oregonian* editors refer to this child abuse as a “sexual relationship.”

Married middle-aged men don’t have “sexual relationships” with children. In Oregon statutes this is called rape. Too often we have been treated to extensive studies detailing the life-long physical and psychological damage done to the innocent young victims of these sexual predators.

Lo these many years, *EW* editors have viciously denounced the brutal sexual assaults on women and children by men of stature who abuse the weak. Most recently, they have loudly castigated ex-Eugene police officers Lara and Magana for using their position to forcefully extract sex from their victims.

Yet the *EW* editor’s verbal outrage turns to

mush when discussing the perversion of beloved liberal icon, Goldschmidt. Hesitant to negatively portray Goldschmidt, they adopt the apologist verbiage of the offending Oregonian and refer to his deviance as a “sexual relationship” themselves.

Paraphrasing President Abraham Lincoln, “A man’s actions speak louder than his words.” A heads up to female readers: Rape, by the powerful and well-connected, is no big thing to *EW* editors unless it involves a Eugene cop.

Gery Vander Meer  
Springfield

**THE REAL DEAL**

Thanks for the great interview with County Commissioner Pete Sorenson (4/14). It’s great to see a leader who isn’t afraid to take on the fat cats, and who stands up for the rest of us regular folks! As anyone knows who has followed Sorenson’s career as an environmental lawyer, a member of the LCC Board, a state senator, and now a county commissioner for the last eight years, Sorenson has the record to back up the rhetoric.

Ted Kulongoski has sat back on his heels while this state needed leadership on education funding, ballot measures which robbed much needed programs, and health care, while naming Republicans and wealthy business cronies to state leadership posts. Sorenson will take on the special interests who’ve been running this state into the ground, and provide the leadership needed to get things done. It’ll be nice to have a real Democrat as the Democratic nominee in 2006! Teddy K should step aside. Maybe he could set up a lobbying firm with Neil Goldschmidt?

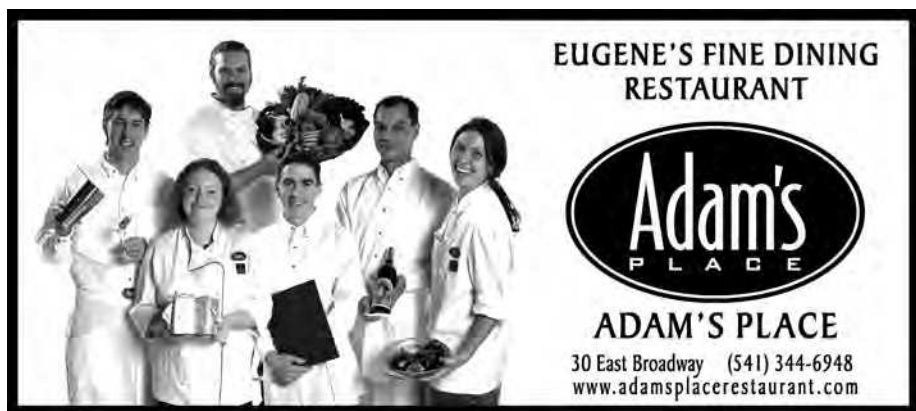
Karen Kennedy  
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**HEART-SUNG MUSIC**

I was saddened to read of Kimberly Howard’s bad feelings (4/14) from the recent Joules Graves show. I’d like to ask her to consider this in the hopes she may be able to consider her reaction.

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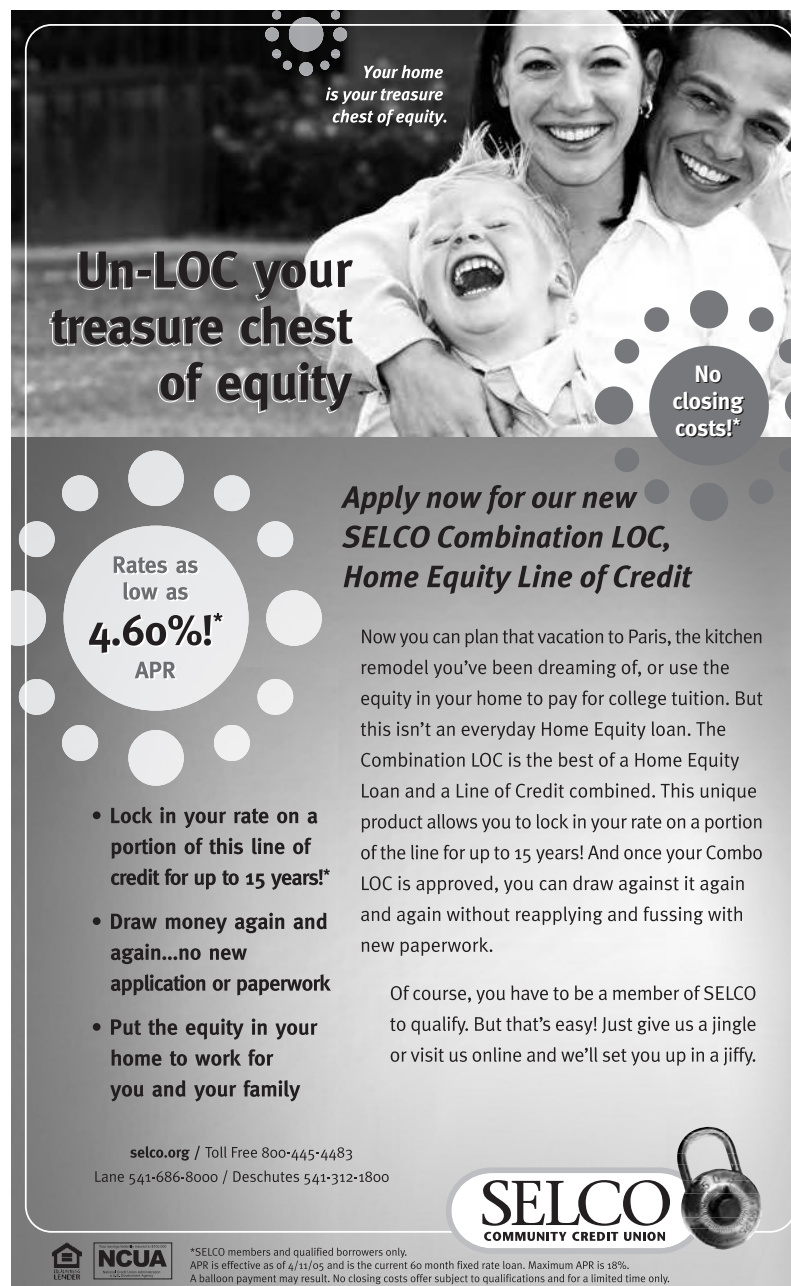
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