

about elders and people with disabilities and believe that he should be recognized for his commitment to their well-being.

Marshall Peter
Eugene

BROADEST EXPERIENCE

I have worked in law offices for over four years, and I've learned that a judge affects the outcome of a case, not just with his or her final decision, but by the way the judge treats the people in court. The average citizen may not be exposed to the inner workings of complex civil litigation or understand the range of skills required to comprehend compassionately the role of *both* a prosecutor and a defense lawyer. Judge Alan Leiman of the Eugene Municipal Court has the broadest background of the two candidates running for the Lane County Circuit Court bench. He is a former prosecutor, former defense lawyer and former civil lawyer.

Additionally, Leiman has experience as an actual judge. He daily faces the need for judges to overcome the challenges presented by our pressed economy and lack of social services, and he has demonstrated exemplary temperament and an unswerving focus on the rule of law throughout his career. I am voting for Alan Leiman because he is best for our community.

Zefora Alderman
Springfield

ANOTHER FAST ONE

While lower rank personnel are being prosecuted and sent to prison for torture and homicide for acts committed in Iraq, the president and his Republican yes-men have again pulled a fast one on the American public.

The four Republican "dissenters" who supposedly challenged the president about his torture policy relented and allowed the president to run roughshod over *habeas corpus* and the Geneva Conventions. The "compromise" allows detention without due process, permits the use of evidence derived

through torture to be used in legal proceedings, allows the president to decide whether something is considered as torture, gives the administration broad authority to detain people *indefinitely* without charge, trial or judicial review and may grant immunity to those who have committed torture back to 1997.

This would allow all of the upper level "commanders" who promoted torture in the first place to walk off scot free while those who followed their commands are punished and sent to prison away from the families that they left to fight this awful conflict with the ever-changing mission (WMDs, regime change, spreading democracy, liberation?).

Multiple deaths occur every single day now in Iraq, and many military personnel are now having their deployment prolonged due to a shortage of troops. This pain and suffering is all being imposed by men who have never been in combat.

Voters who are willing to do their part to make sweeping changes absolutely **MUST** vote in massive numbers or Democrats in November.

Your vote for change will *really* support the troops!

Rita Babauta Kiley
Junction City



HELP FOR DESPAIR

Is love the illusion, or is it hate?

When a man sums up his existence, looks at his probable future, weighs his

hopes and memories and then goes into a school and kills children, he is saying that for him, love is the illusion. At some level, under the drugs and alcohol, he remembers his family's/community's response to his shy smiles and silent despair and reacts with horrible utter ferocity, wilding.

When a man sums up his existence, looks at his probable future, weighs his hopes and memories and goes in humility to ask for help for his despair, hopelessness and unbearable emotional pain, he is saying that hate is the illusion. That those who raised him, including those in his school and community, deserve his faith and mercy.

We have built a city, a culture, not on rock and roll, but on both love and hate. Love is a personal thing, an involvement that says one

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