

You don't have to think the police are always right or support the war on drugs or terror to understand that citizens are wise to organize themselves to control and punish brutal and dishonest people when they attack and rob the innocent.

I lost some regard for Commissioner Sorenson after reading his comments on this tax in your article. I agree with Mr. Dwyer, "grandstanding" does best describe it.

Craig Enberg
Springfield

NOT ONE MORE

There is a nationally coordinated campaign currently underway. Called the Occupation Project, the goal is to ask our senators and congresspeople to state publicly to vote against any further funding for the Iraq occupation by the U.S. military. Period. This is not about not funding the troops, it is about bringing them home NOW.

An affinity group has formed to implement the campaign locally.

On Monday, March 5, several people, including myself, entered Rep. Peter Defazio's Eugene office with our request of his commitment to not further fund the war. We stated we would not leave the office until he agreed to our request. We waited for seven hours with a dedicated group of supporters. While we had a very open dialogue with his staff and assurances of his support of our efforts, he stated that he could not make such a commitment. At 5 pm we were told to leave, and upon refusing, two of us were put under arrest by federal authorities.

The war will not end until funding is cut. Please call your representatives and demand this. The cost of this war has been devastating to our military, to Iraq and Iraqis and to our communities.

Not one more death, not one more dollar.
Rich Klopfer
Eugene

REZONING INGENUITY

On March 1, *EW* published a letter from Tom Lininger defending a rezoning proposal Mr. Lininger and Ms. Weiner have submitted for 240 acres of land in Peaceful Valley. Mr. Lininger states that I want them "to live on a portion of the property we have devoted to a state-certified Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Zone."

When they bought the property on May 18, 2005 this portion of their land (more than 80 acres) was already zoned impacted forest land (F-2) which allows construction of one single dwelling with a special use permit. Most of this portion was clearcut except for one stand of trees. I have walked this land with Mr. Lininger, and there are several beautiful home sites that fit his stated aim of living in privacy and seclusion. One site is even on

the edge of the flat area where Mr. Lininger states "we think it would make more sense to build."

But they do not want to build on this part of their property they want to build on a portion of the remaining 160 acres that is zoned non-impacted forest land (F-1), hence the impetus to make this F-2 portion of the property a wildlife area on Aug. 15, 2005 and thus "off limits" for building a house. Given their strong and overriding desire to build on a different portion of their property zoned F-1, it set in motion a whole series of events.

In this flurry of activity, the primary goal was to devise a means to the end of building a house where they wanted to build it rather than where it was already allowed.

I think that it is distressing the extent to which they are pursuing this end, even "considering the possibility of filing a Measure 37 claim" (see their rezoning application). This last possibility really distresses me when a law professor(s) with a public record of being involved with environmental concerns considers filing a Measure 37 claim. The entire application is very troubling to me as it is to many in Peaceful Valley and on Fox Hollow. I urge the honorable hearings official Gary Darnielle to deny this application, if for nothing other than its ingenuity in trying to circumvent the current zoning laws.

Hal Hermanson
Eugene

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

Tom Lininger (3/1) justifies rezoning 80 acres from F-1 (timber resource land — no dwellings) to F-2 (one dwelling) on the basis of using good forest practices and not spraying chemicals. Playing on the neighbors' sensitivity to the issue of spraying, he claims there was a "huge protest by neighbors in 2004" against chemical spraying by the former landowner (Rosboro Lands). Not true! Rosboro was sensitive to community concerns and readily agreed to avoid aerial spraying, eliminate spraying in large areas and backpack spray in others. Lininger has even threatened to sell the land to somebody less responsible who would spray chemicals unless neighbors support his application — which ironically does not preclude him from spraying if he himself deems it necessary.

The fact is that spraying is a smoke screen masking Lininger's real intention — to build a house on the top of the ridge instead of on the existing F-2 portion where a dwelling is allowed. Sustainable forestry is a moot issue since it applies to both F-1 and F-2 land, and forest practices are not even a criterion considered in such rezoning cases.

What Lininger will not discuss is his manipulation of county land use laws, subdividing the original 240 acres in order to rezone 80 acres or how his "behind-the-scenes" deal



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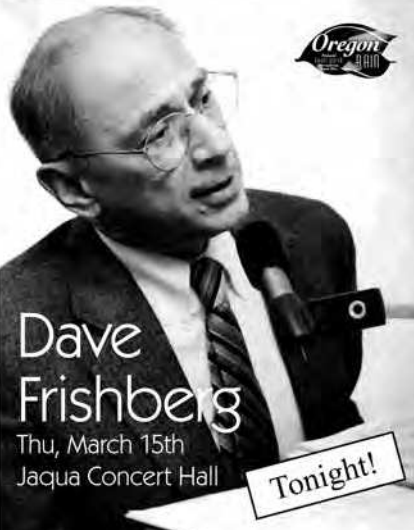
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