

of a motion that would have reimbursed Chappel almost \$5,000 for personal legal expenses. During the same meeting that Chappel requested reimbursement, Parrish requested to have his budget increased by \$6,000. While Chappel, Jordan and Parrish predictably voted in favor of each other, Ron Davis and Katherine Schacht refused to vote for these expenses.

I don't think it's any coincidence that Schacht is constantly under scrutiny by these very three board members. Nor do I think it's any coincidence that these very same board members would go to such great lengths, like recording and listening to private telephone conversations, to try to discredit those whose votes consistently keep them from achieving their personal agendas.

Emma Higley
Springfield

CURB YOUR BEHAVIOR

I have to ask, just what do the drivers in this area think the yellow curb stripes mean? Hint: It doesn't mean, "Hey, it's OK to park here!"

Bill Sme
Springfield

DEBUNKED ARGUMENTS

Besides sending a message that couldn't be more clear, the thrashing of Measure 88 provided a textbook example of how some on the left react to being on the losing side of a debate.

"Rednecks!" "Bigots!" "Xenophobes!" "Inbred pieces of white trash!" "Stupid racist a__holes!" "Racist pieces of s__t!"

These are some of the invectives, repeatedly hurled in print and online against the opponents of the driver card measure. Did anyone see any of this vitriol from the opponents against the supporters? If so, please forward to me.

Faced with "inconvenient truths" that debunked their central arguments, some M88 supporters resorted to name calling as expected. These are the folks who preach the loudest about "tolerance." We see time and again that's true only if you agree with them.

Measure 88 was not a right vs. left issue — it was a right vs. wrong issue. Even in deep blue Oregon the voters recognized that.

Jerry Ritter
Springfield

WEAKENED PROTECTIONS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Corps of Engineers have released draft rules and a background report that address headwaters and groundwater, which provide the foundations of water quality that the larger downstream rivers and creeks depend on. The report's purpose is to educate five members of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding connectivity in headwater streams with main streams. The 13-page executive summary provides an outstanding watershed hydrology brief.

The full report is titled "Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence."

Headwaters and groundwater were protected for the first three decades of the Clean Water Act, but two Supreme Court decisions severely weakened these protections. They are essential building blocks that, when protected, provide higher water quality for downstream waters. Impacted are millions of acres of wetlands, critically important trout and salmon spawning habitat in headwater streams, lakes and drinking water.

My graduate research covered the analysis of surface flow and groundwater. Most of my 37 years of water resources engineering work addressed the water quality and hydrology aspects covered in the report. Without adequate water quality controls on groundwater and the sometimes dry headwaters, our drinking water and aquatic ecosystems are seriously threatened.

A few centuries ago we didn't have many people, industries or agricultural chemicals, so such rules were not essential. It's a different world now, and the rules should be implemented!

H. Tom Davis
Sisters

JFK'S INTENTIONS

Maya Lin, the architect of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.,

will speak in Eugene on Nov. 20. Her design is different from most war monuments, not triumphalist nor militarist, and it is a respectful recognition of the American lives lost.

This memorial only commemorates a small fraction of the victims, since about three million people were killed if one includes the Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. A wall listing all their names would stretch from the current site to the U.S. Capitol and beyond.

Official histories of the war on Vietnam ignore the inconvenient truth that President Kennedy issued National Security Action Memorandum 263 in October 1963, an order to start withdrawing U.S. "advisors." If this order had been implemented, nearly all of those 58,000 American and three million Asian deaths would have been avoided. His decision was immediately reversed by the new president after Kennedy was removed from office on Nov. 22, 1963.

The website jfkmoon.org/vietnam.html has links to primary documents plus commentary from RFK Jr., Wayne Morse, James Galbraith and an interview with the son of (North) Vietnam's General Giap. Unfortunately, the aborted withdrawal from Vietnam remains a radioactive topic for academia, and few professors dare discuss it.

What would the "legacy of the sixties" have been if the war on Vietnam had ended in Kennedy's second term? Would

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