

Battle lines drawn over prostitution zone

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — A parade of activity occurred last week around the issue of prostitution as the City Club of Portland endorsed a legalized zone for prostitution while the Northeast Prostitution Task Force countered with, "Don't make Albina the whorehouse for Portland."

On August 31st, the City Club received the blessings of its membership, who voted overwhelmingly to endorse legalized prostitution in zoned areas.

However, on August 29th, the Northeast Prostitution Task Force held a press conference to interject community dialogue into this controversial proposal.

The City Club will recommend that City Council "authorize prostitution generally, but prohibit it in all areas zoned residential or commercial and areas in proximity to schools and churches...."

Bob Nelson, a task force member,

said, "We do not feel our concerns are premature. If they make it legal, there is no reason to believe they would not put it in a place where it already flourishes. We have always had prostitution zones in Portland. The general attitude is it's Albina."

Nelson also added that the City Club proposal was addressing the problem after the fact. "Those who enter prostitution are unemployed, uneducated, the young and the hungry. The City Club should use their resources to attack the problems that create prostitution."

"If the citizens choose to legalize prostitution in certain areas of the city, the police's position would be to enforce the law."

James Davis of the north precinct, who also acknowledge the current ineffective enforcement against prostitution.

With a legalized zone, Davis said the police would not be able to keep prostitutes in that zone. "We'll have the same problem that we have now. It would be almost impossible, with costs prohibited. If you authorize prostitution you are condoning it. Do you want pimps to appear in the schools on career day?"

The City Club's minority report asserted that legalization of prostitution was not the most desirable policy. The minority position advocated equal enforcement of current laws.

arresting male buyers equally with sellers, police could sharply reduce the willingness of those buyers to openly seek prostitution on the streets. The problem is not the existing laws, but the blatantly unequal enforcement of those laws."

Davis agreed, adding that when male buyers were arrested, "There was no second arrest."

The City Club spent 16 months studying adult prostitution, prior to its recommendation. Nelson said the report had become part of the mind-set of the larger community. "And we just wanted to inject our thoughts and feelings into this ongoing discussion."



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Ballot access lawsuits

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ballot access for their candidates. The Libertarians achieved ballot access without the use of the petitions in 1982 by receiving more than five percent of the statewide vote in the 1980 election. Although they failed to receive that percentage in any statewide race in 1982, they are presenting arguments to regain their status this year.

Teledyne Wah Chang Co is bringing suit to have the explanatory language changed in Ballot Measure #9, which seeks to establish new rules restricting certain radioactive waste storage in the state. #9 would require Teledyne Wah Chang's radioactive sludge stored near the banks of the Willamette River in Albany to be moved out of Oregon.

The Supreme Court has final jurisdiction over all matters regarding ballot measures and other electoral questions in the state.

Sale benefits education

The Black Educational Center (BEC) will hold a Gigantic Rummage Sale on Saturday, and Sunday, September 8th and 9th, 1984, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., at 1634 N.E. Alberta (NE 17th and Alberta). Choice apparel and household items will be available as well as refreshments for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Black Educational Center School, which has been operating full time since 1974. The School provides an educational program to develop students to be highly competent in mathematics, language, writing, history, science and geography. Currently, the School is in critical need of financial support. Come to the Rummage Sale and support this community educational institution.

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| Sept. 12 | Hawaiian Pizza
Carrot Coins with Peanut Butter Dip
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Nibbles
Milk |
| Sept. 13 | Chicken Nuggets
Tater Tots
Orange Half
Pumpkin Bread
Milk |
| Sept. 14 | Hot Ham/Cheese Sandwich
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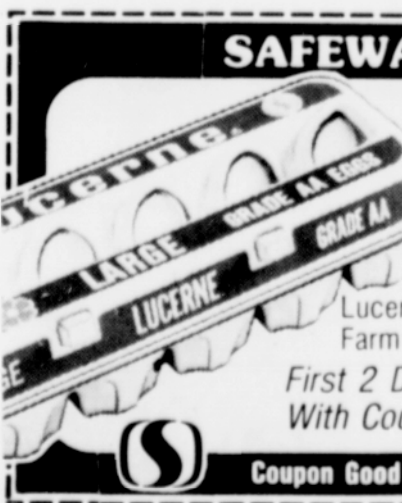


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