

Registered? Make your vote count this year

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So, what do you think of the world situation? The U.S. is about to have an election, and an important one.

I have been reading and trying to make an informed decision about this election, and who should be the President of the United States.

I hope that the election has a good turnout at the polls, because every vote counts.

I have never registered to vote in the elections, but this year I decided to vote just because I was told many times that it is an important election year.

Seems I have heard so many of the negative things about each candidate, and a few positive things. So then who do I vote for? I'll keep reading all these negative and positive things about each candidate.

I read a little about the statewide measures that are on this year's ballot. I don't really have an opinion about some of these issues, but I am still reading these measures.

Nothing like waiting until the last minute to read about these things. There are some that are talked about a lot in the news, or on commercials on the radio or television, that I sort of have an idea about now.

Also, I have read some good articles in the editorial sections of the local newspapers.

In previous years I have had no interest in the outcome of the elections, only because I never thought too much about politics and how it affects the country and its people.

Politics are everywhere if you think about it.

I have even listened to the young people who are registered to vote, and how their thoughts are going with them to the polls. I know a couple of teenagers registered to vote who are in high school yet. In their civics class, they watch the debates and listen to all the mud slinging that goes on by both parties.

All the mud slinging makes it hard to see the positive points of each candidate. Have there been any good things said that were not discredited somehow?

Spilyay Speaks

No on 37

It's too bad the price of a ballot measure isn't printed alongside it on the ballot. The number for Measure 37 would convince people to vote "no" all by itself. \$344 million just to enable state and local governments to prepare for the waves of lawsuits by developers and established landowners who claim lost value from laws that protect our way of life. That high, high price means reduced school budgets and weaker natural resources protection.

On top of that would be the cost for the lawyers. Measure 37 pays their lawyers whether they win or lose. Correction: Measure 37 wouldn't pay it, you the taxpayer would.

As a member of the Wasco Tribe of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation, I know lawyers are necessary. As an American, I know you pay your own lawyer unless the government you are suing is wrong. But Measure 37 says the local government - the people - always pays the lawyers, even if the city or the county wins the case. That's not the American way.

There are other major problems with Measure 37. I've worked for many years to protect our ancestors' special places. As a landowner, I revere these places and am proud to be a steward to them. Measure 37 insults our ancestors by saying a landowner should make you pay for him sharing an Indian site, as if the Indian-ness makes the land less valuable.

Save your tax dollars for schools. Vote "no" on Measure 37. Louie Pitt, Confederated Tribes director of government affairs.

Safe return

I'd like to thank Ada Billy for returning my family's pet. He really does complete our family. I wish there were more people that would do things for others and go out of their way to get them done. It's the little things that count. Once again, thank you for going out of your way. I know you didn't have to do that for us. Boomer was due for his shots and he was returned just in time.

I'd also like to thank Jordan Holliday for assisting Ada in the return of our pet. He means so much to our family. You just happened to be at home that day and saved him. If it wasn't for you we probably wouldn't have had him returned as soon as he was. Thank you very much for going out of your way. Thank you to Larry Holliday for all your work. I know you guys don't get thanked enough for all the hard work you do. So thank you.

The Anderson family.

Call to readers

Calling all readers - grammas, grampas, aunts, nuns, ya-yas, or just someone who'd like to help young students at Warm Springs Elementary. If you can read, we need you. All it takes is one hour per week to read to two students for half an hour each session. You read to a child who appreciates you.

The SMART reading program is open on Tuesday and

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our phone number is 553-1128 or voice mail number 317-3225, to leave a message. Right now we need volunteer readers at 8:30 to 9 a.m.; 10 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 to 11 a.m.; 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.; 2 to 2:30 p.m.; and 2:30 to 3 p.m.

You'll read to kindergarten through third graders. Please call today. Volunteering is like praying - you get a blessing in return. By helping a student you give of yourself and to the universe. What goes around, comes around. Our children need as much help as possible to succeed in school. Please help by volunteering to read one hour a week. Call today for more information.

Studies show that kids reading at grade level in the third grade are more successful in completing high school, in learning to live on their own, in getting good jobs. Reading is fun - help celebrate reading with a child.

Also, reading is the single most important way for your school child to develop the knowledge needed to become successful in school.

Helping a child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child succeed in school - and in life.

The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects, more important, it is the key to lifelong learning. Nothing is more important than your support for a child as they go through school. Thank you.

Myrna Frank, SMART coordinator at Warm Springs Elementary.

furlough. I gave the reason why I needed the pass but was denied and received no written explanation. Theodore Monte McKinley

Doing best

I don't know how it really came to be, I'm now a sober Christian. Here are a few poster sayings I saw and talked about at a recent AA meeting here in Eugene. I do my best, leave the rest to God. Letting sobriety happen. When you are ready to take certain steps, you get what you give. Jesus Christ overcomes alcohol, always think of him first. Evette Patt.

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Concern

I am writing to my people out of concern for how inmates are treated in Warm Springs corrections. I was an inmate recently. My common law wife had a death in her family. I tried to get a pass for a funeral or a



Happy Halloween, from Travis Bobb

Happy birthday and other wishes...

God must have known there would be time we'd need a gentle touch, a tender understanding heart to love us very much. He must have known we'd need someone to listen to our cares - to comfort and remember us in loving thoughts and prayers. So in his boundless wisdom, he sent us from above the dearest blessing in the world - a sister, precious love. For all the ways you're special, for the faith you share and the love you give, I wish



you the most special day on your birthday. With all that's special to you. Always, your loving sister, Joanna.

Happy birthday to my brother Steven. When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all uphill, and you want to smile but you have to sigh, Don't quit. When care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must but don't quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns, as everyone of us sometimes learns, and many a failure turns about, when she might have won had she stuck it out. Don't give up though the

pace seems slow, you may succeed you never know. Success is failure turned inside out. The silver tint of the clouds of doubt. And you never can tell how close you are. It may be near when it seems so far. So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit. It's when things seem worse that you must not quit. (Just remember Steven, what comes around goes around.) You sister is always going to be here even if you don't like it, okay! Love, your sister Joanna.

Happy Anniversary to my husband Batman Smith. It has been four happy years of marriage. Eight years of nothing but good times. Thank you. Love your wife, Irwina Smith.

Happy anniversary to Mom and Dad. Love, Ethan and Alina.



Happy birthday to my special Juanita "Neeters" White Elk.

May you have many more to come. Love you lots, your auntie Mare and Scotty Scott.



Mahala and D'lynray, I love and miss you both very much. Love Dad, Arden Post.



Wife of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry visited the National Congress of the American Indian conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Pictured here with Heinz Kerry are local residents Doris Miller, Kenman Miller and Marie Calica (from left).

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