

Congratulations Ken Turner

To the editor:
Congratulations Kenneth Turner on your letter to the editor. I read it out loud and my wife commented that she thought a Democrat had wrote it until she heard your name.

Let's not blame anyone but ourselves, we elect Congress. They, the "do gooders" vote and put us in debt one trillion dollars since Coolidge, 58 years ago and the present administration has put us in another trillion in three years. Let's keep it up the sooner the quicker.

General Motors sold their losses 1982 of \$300,000,000 to Westinghouse. Ford sold their losses to Dupont \$200,000,000. One half billion uncle lost in one stroke.

All of the new investments on plants are using the Investment Credit means which let them use their investments to pay their tax then they depreciate our moneys in their plants. Then income taxes were reduced 15 percent on all taxpayers who were in the \$18,000 bracket or above.

Then the excess profits tax on the oil companies were shifted back to them to drill newer wells but they are using their funds to buy each other at \$4.00 per barrel and will sell this oil to us at \$28.00

You and I can't run our affairs thusly, can we?

O. W. Cutaforth

In reply to Ken Turner

To the editor:

In reply to Mr. Turner's letter, Oct. 25, 1984, I understand, Mr. Turner, that you are a wheat farmer, and that you gladly accept government payments. Yet you want to deprive a mother and her children of heat and food, one less fortunate.

If I am wrong please accept my apology.

(s) E. J. Jones
ordinary citizen
Hermiston, OR 97838

Victims' rights

To the editor:

In recent years, the criminal justice system has been the subject of much debate. Criticism has been levelled at its various components. In response the courts and state legislatures have amended laws and issued new opinions. Groups such as the Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency have undertaken major studies, such as the Oregon Prison Overcrowding Project, in an effort to obtain the raw data necessary to support well-reasoned change. At times, however, emotional pressures come to the fore on particular issues and serve as the impetus for hasty action. Such is the case in Oregon this year with Ballot Measure 8, the so-called Victim's Rights Initiative.

Ballot Measure 8 purports to be a victims' bill of rights. It is, however, nothing of the kind. Only seven of the twenty substantive sections deal with victims' rights. Only two of the seven, sections 8 and 18, would change the law in any significant way. The actions called for in sections 3 through 7 are not changes at all. For example, the call for compensatory fines (section 3) is met under present law through the restitution requirements. The call in sections 4 and 5 for consideration of the victim's convenience in scheduling already occurs under present law, as does the hearing of the victim's views at sentencing (sections 6 and 7). The victim-related aspects of the measure, while generally sound, are unnecessary.

The other remaining sections of the initiative reveal its true purpose. They are designed to radically alter many of the long-established procedures which ensure fairness in our courts and to increase the power of prosecutors in an unfair manner. For example, the law presently grants a victim discretion to settle a case through a civil compromise when the court agrees that it is in the best interests of society. Section 18 would undermine that judicial function and prevent a case from settling even when the victim wants it. It is difficult to understand how such a provision enhances victims' rights, or why the prosecution should be permitted to exercise what is in many respects a judicial function.

Our legislatures and courts have fashioned carefully drawn rules concerning use of an accused's prior record at trial. It is recognized that such a record is sometimes relevant and present law permits the prosecution to use it where appropriate. Section 9 expands the use of an accused's prior record and reduces the discretion of the court. In so doing, it undermines the principle that a person should be tried based on evidence about the crime charged, not any past record or general character defects.

Section 22 is the most troubling section of Ballot Measure 8. It

repeals seven statutes which are at the core of our definition of individual rights. These changes would significantly limit individual liberty by increasing the right of police officers to stop and hold people, okr frisk or search them on the street. It would also eliminate laws which help the courts deal with police lawlessness.

The measure abuses the process in yet another fashion. Section 22 calls for the repeal of seven statutes. These are listed by number only. The voter is given no information about the statutes. One cannot know that by voting "yes" those laws which permit him to go about his business without undue interference by the police would be repealed. This type of deception should not be supported. Regardless of the merits of some of the sections of the initiative, we urge a vote of no because of its misleading and deceptive nature.

On the merits, several sections of Ballot Measure 8 are unsound. A number are sound and if proposed separately, OCCD would strongly support them. One of the difficulties with the ballot measure is its lumping together of a number of unrelated measures. It does such things as require a voter who wants to ensure that a victim has the right to appear at a parole hearing (a laudable revision) to support curtailing the victim's rights when he wants to agree to a civil compromise. This grouping of different laws is an abuse of the initiative process.

(s) Steven Wax
Legislative Committee
Oregon Council on Crime
and Delinquency
Portland, OR

'Yes' on measure 2

To the editor:

Remember history? The Boston Tea Party: The colonists were angry about being taxed without representation.

That's what Ballot Measure 2 is all about. Not, as some would have you believe with all their hand-writing about loss of services (always a good threat to cover up inefficiency and unsound management).

Ballot Measure 2 simply limits the number of elections to pass tax measures. Ballot Measure 2 guarantees better representation by insisting on a majority of voters to pass additional increases above the amount based on taxable value of real property to its assessed value on July 1, 1981.

Many of us as taxpayers have had to cut back on personal expenses, vacations and learned to live within our budgets. We receive no more than what we earn. Isn't it only fair to ask our elected representatives, government employees and public funded agencies to do the same?

We can only expect them to keep asking for more and more and more of our hard earned tax dollars as many times as they wish to call special elections.

Think about it. Vote "yes" on Ballot Measure 2 for a government that really is of the people, for the people, and by the people. It may be the only hope we have.

Sincerely,
(s) Deanna Dyksterhuis
Corvallis, OR

Disabled vet supports Rutherford

To the editor:

As a disabled veteran of World War II, I have to hand it to State Treasurer Bill Rutherford for his support and advocacy of Oregon veterans.

The Oregon Veterans Home Loan Program - a program beneficial not only to veterans, but to the entire state economy - was nearly destroyed early this year. A U.S. House Bill would have severely limited Oregon's ability to sell tax exempt bonds.

But, thanks to Bill Rutherford's insight and trip to Washington D.C. to urge compromise legislation, the program was saved. Bill - a U.S. Army Veteran himself - worked closely with Senator Bob Packwood to ensure that Oregon veterans would still have access to low-cost home and farm loans.

Essentially, the plight of veterans and the entire state economy have been saved. Veterans must realize what a friend they have in Bill Rutherford. I urge your support of Bill Rutherford for State Treasurer.

Sincerely,
(s) Bob Hummel
McMinnville

Concerned about hunters' image

To the editor:

The public image of what a hunter is and does is a constant problem for this agency. Research tells us that the average person is not so much anti-hunting as anti-hunter. Through the hunter education program, we encourage hunters to be responsible, and to respect the property and attitudes of others. But it is not enough. We need cooperation from



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the media and others to change the perception much of the public has towards hunters.

There is little wonder why the public views hunters in a poor light when they see pictures such as the one appearing in your October 4th issue. The picture seems innocent enough, a proud hunter showing off his kill. But to those who do not hunt, the displaying of a deer's head on the bumper of a car is repulsive. It shows no respect for the game or the hunt. And every non-hunter that sees it loses more respect for hunters and hunting.

I make this point so that you might understand the problem and help us to improve the situation. Hunters may not be boy scouts in blaze orange, but they certainly deserve a better image than they have now.

Cordially,
(s) Bill Hastie
Hunter Education Coordinator
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Supports Abrams for Circuit Court Judge

To the editor:

Bob Abrams, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District, is a person of great integrity. He is my friend. He is my attorney.

I urge citizens of both Morrow and Umatilla Counties to vote for this exceptionally fine person. He has served the citizens of our counties well for twenty-seven years. He has earned our trust. He has earned our votes.

Sincerely,
(s) Maxine Rietmann

Supports measures

To the editor:

Capital punishment is the "ultimate deterrent." Its effect is made known in two ways. The first variety... "specific deterrence" is also known as incapacitation. No executed heinous murderer has returned to prey upon additional victims. The second variety is generally known as "general deterrence." This is the possible protective element so elusive to researchers.

Why is all this important: On November 6th, you will have the opportunity to decide whether re-institution of capital punishment has value as a "protective tool." Opponents of the two Ballot Measures (6 and 7) argue protection of society can be achieved best through "life sentences." No one questions the good intentions of such a proposal. It is the enforceability which becomes a problem. Killers can be paroled to create new misery; Marquette, Earp, Strewleski. Killers can and do escape; Jackson, Bowles, Bundy. Killers can victimize guards and other inmates with impunity; Creech, O'Shea, Vickers. Former Attorney General John Mitchell once commented, "A man with more than one life sentence on his head, is a man with a license to kill." We have issued such license in Oregon.

In the entire history of our state, residents have voluntarily been without the death penalty only 20 years. The period we've entered now might be referred to as "judicial abolition." Capital punishment is traditional in Oregon. No Supreme Court Judge in this lengthy history has viewed any constitutional provision as contradicting the right to execution after a carefully applied judicial proceeding. However, the current Oregon Supreme Court, now indicates, they may see a problem. If Oregonians wish to retain their constitutional right to enact capital punishment, they must alter the Oregon Constitution to meet the current interpretation of this Supreme Court. Hence the need for Ballot Measure 6. Measure 6 is the constitutional guarantee of enforcement.

Ballot Measure 7 contains the provisions for procedures to conduct capital trials. Measure 7 is finely crafted, with the assistance of a Texas defense attorney who wrote Texas' constitutional death penalty. Participants on the "blue-ribbon" panel included prosecutors, defense attorneys and constitutional experts. It will pass muster of the Federal Supreme Court and as a package... Measure 6 and 7... will pass Oregon Supreme Court scrutiny.

Concerned Oregonians for Justice, a citizens group with the participation and support of Governor Atiyeh, the Oregon Sheriff's Association, the Portland Police Association and the legislative arm of the Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, urge you to join us. Our concern for the preservation of innocent human life requires a position of "collective self-defense." On November 6, please remember, "yes" on 6 & 7 and restore justice for all.

(s) Dedi Streich, Chair
Concerned Oregonians for Justice

Police Assoc. urge 'no' on 2

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Oregon Council of Police Associations, which represents police officer associations in the Heppner area, I am writing to urge all voters to vote "no" on Ballot Measure 2, the property tax limitation ballot measure on the November ballot.

Of primary concern to all voters should be the effects of Ballot Measure 2 on law enforcement. Already, Oregon has one of the lowest rates of police officers per population in the country, and unfortunately our high crime rate bears witness to this fact. If Ballot Measure 2 were to pass, on a statewide basis as many as 33-40 percent of the police officers in Oregon would be laid off. Most certainly we are concerned about the jobs of these police officers; we believe, however, that all voters should be even more concerned about what the loss of this many police officers will mean to the ability of the remaining officers to ensure that Oregon is a safe place to live.

Two years ago, Ballot Measure 3 recognized this problem, and contained a clause which would have preserved essential services such as police and firefighters. Ballot Measure 2 contains no such protective clause, and early projections show that police and fire departments will be devastated by the effects of Ballot Measure 2. In addition, it is anticipated that district attorneys offices will be cut so severely that they will be unable to prosecute whole areas of crime such as driving under the influence.

Moreover, under the terms of Ballot Measure 2, it will be impossible to pass special funding just for law enforcement or firefighting unless 50 percent of the registered voters turn out for an election. Not only does this reward voters to stay home and fail to vote, the facts are that since 1970, more than 50 percent of voters have only turned out to vote in presidential election years.

We all recognize the high burden of property taxes. Measure 2 is not the answer however. We urge you to preserve necessary law enforcement services by voting "no" on Ballot Measure 2.

Sincerely,
(s) Randy Thompson
President, Oregon Council of
Police Association

Endorses Himmelsbach

To the editor:

I urge voting for Jesse Himmelsbach as our representative to the State Legislature. He is a Democrat - I'm a Republican.

He is highly qualified because of his knowledge of economics, government, law and experience. As District Attorney for Baker County for many years, he applied such knowledge and experience in advising County officials upon many of the problems, including property taxation, budgeting of funds, juvenile matters, sheriff department concerns and the application of land use laws. These were in addition to the great amount of time spent in trial work. Such a background gives him qualifications seldom seen in the legislature.

During those many years of public service, Jesse necessarily weighed the known facts and law in listening to arguments and proposals. Then he would come to a balanced conclusion and act in support of that conclusion. He was and is always willing to listen. He is able to support his positions logically and with effective persuasion, both in court, in meetings and in personal discussions. How essential that is for a legislator.

Jesse Himmelsbach understands the plight of our agricultural and forest industries. He wants cities and counties and their residents, to have more control on land use matters. He is able to present matters effectively and to convince others.

He has no special interests. He wants to represent all the people by urging a reasonable balance between the Federal, State and local governments, eliminating unnecessary regulation and control.

I have known Jesse for many years and have opposed and otherwise dealt with him on many occasions involving a variety of facts, circumstances and law. He has always been fair. He has never tried to mislead me. I respect him not only for his ability, knowledge, compassion and understanding but also for his integrity.

A vote for Jesse Himmelsbach will be a vote for good government in a well balanced manner, preserving local controls while urging appropriate State action.

(s) David C. Silven
D-1000-010

A word on Willis

To the editor:

I believe the people in Eastern Oregon will get better representation in Congress if we send Larryann Willis instead of Bob Smith.

She's smart, well read, courageous and doesn't back away from hard work.

Larryann has a B.S. degree in agriculture and has taught agriculture in several Oregon schools and has works published. She and her husband own a small horse and cattle ranch near Vale.

Larryann knows the problems of the farmer from education and experience. Any small farmer who can make it these days certainly knows business. She can answer at great length any question you ask on public business and policy. She proved she can find her way around fast when she got elected to the Democratic National Committee from Eastern Oregon (no small feat in itself) and soon landed a spot on the select executive committee. She has courage or she wouldn't have met Ma Anand Sheela on the Donahue show (to be aired here on channel 42 November 5), as everyone in Rajneesh country is scared of them.

Larryann Willis is of an age where she can build up some seniority and get some clout for Eastern Oregon in Congress.

We need someone who knows what the people want and need ahead of time so she can voter right all the way. She has met and talked with a lot of folks during her campaign.

Larryann Willis has some ideas about how to reduce the national debt which the Republicans promised to do but instead have made largest of all times. This year, on the average, it will cost every tax payer \$700 just to pay the interest on that debt - and it is going up every year.

A vote for Larryann Willis is a vote for more responsible government.

Yours sincerely,
Relta L. Tucker,
Stanley Tucker
Milton-Freewater, OR

Supports Bob Smith

To the editor:

Election time is here... commercials, ads, bumper stickers, will be by the wayside but the man you elect at the polls will be there awhile. Therefore, we urge re-election of Congressman Bob Smith who has conducted his campaign in an honest and positive manner dealing with the issues of agriculture, timber, reducing interest rates and creating employment for people.

Bob Smith has a voting record of 92.7 percent on final passage of legislature. He has returned to Oregon 40 times and held 68 Town Hall Meetings to keep in touch with his home state. Bob has never supported salary increases for the congress, and, in fact, returned a salary increase to senior citizens of the Second Congressional District. He also supported social security rescue in 1983. He has opposed nine of 13 budgets considered, including the \$292 billion dollar defense budget.

Youth are important to Bob, as evidenced at our county fair when he took time for 4-H Style Revue and visited with all ages. He stays in touch with Eastern Oregon, he represents us, he cares. Give Bob Smith your vote Nov. 6.

Merlin & Claudia Hughes

Take advantage of right to vote

To the editor:

In Governor Atiyeh's letter in the Voters' Pamphlet he asks the voters to join him "in this election by voting for our responsible, qualified Republican candidates." He asks for the support of our State Legislature and leaders in County Courthouses throughout Oregon.

We have two able Heppner candidates in the persons of Ray French for State Representative and Robert Abrams for Judge, Circuit Court. They are deserving of our support 100 percent.

We also have candidates for Congress, i.e., Mark Hatfield for Senator and Robert Smith for Representative who have worked for Oregon for many years and should be returned to their respective offices.

However, the most important thing in this election is to take advantage of our right to vote for the candidates of our choice. In many countries their citizens do not have this right.

(s) Mary Goheen

Will vote for Himmelsbach

To the editor:

How could we do better than to elect an understanding and sharp attorney to our Oregon Legislature to make laws? Jesse Himmelsbach, Jr. of Baker brings not only a respectable law practice to use

toward unburdening us with costly useless laws but he is honest and will go out of his way to listen to your point of view.

Himmelsbach is deeply involved in community services and is an ardent active sportsman working to protect us against gun control and has spent years working toward maintaining our fish and big game resources.

Please join us voting for Himmelsbach for District 59 Representative.

(s) Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holland
Richland, OR

Support local Republicans

To the editor:

I would like to remind the Senior Citizens of Morrow County to get out to vote on Nov. 6. We must take advantage of our privilege to vote for the people we want to serve us.

We seniors have never had it so good. We have some very responsible people on the ticket.

So let's all vote for our local Republican Candidates who are willing to serve us locally as well as state-wide and nationally. Vote for Raymond French for state representative, for Mark Hatfield for U.S. Senator, for Bob Smith for U.S. Representative and for Bob Abrams for circuit judge.

Sincerely,
Irene Swanson

Support Frohnmayer

To the editor:

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer says "My job is to represent and defend the public interest in the context of the entities of state government."

Oregon's Department of Justice, under Dave Frohnmayer, is recognized as a model for the rest of the nation.

His background enables him to carry on his duties in a remarkable manner.

Dave Frohnmayer was a Rhodes scholar, a professor of law at Eugene, a three-term representative, served on a national committee for State Legislative Reform, and as a representative from Eugene, served on Judiciary and Human Resource Committee.

Vote for Dave Frohnmayer for Attorney General of the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,
(s) Don Peterson
(s) Martha Peterson
Ione, OR

A book on Rajneesh

To the editor:

I hear in the news that the Governor's office has published a "fact sheet" in order to head off some of the rumors that circulate throughout the state regarding the Rajneeshes.

For those who want more facts, a fellow writer, Kierk Braun, has just published a book called "Rajneesh-puran: The Unwelcome Society" which contains a great deal of information about the Rajneesh movement, their origin, their membership and the conflicts that have ensued since their arrival in Oregon. I believe it is available now in bookstores in the Heppner area.

Dell Murphy

New life developed in 17 days

To the editor:

God, "He giveth to all life and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men..." (Acts 17:25-26)

Deuteronomy 12:23 tells us: "The blood is the life..."

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." (Genesis 9:6)

"At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is part of the new life and not of the mother." This data has been documented and reported in medical journals.

(s) Isaac Colvin
Harrodsburg, KY

North end medical service available

To the editor:

It is with some embarrassment that I realize that I hadn't considered the possibility of Heppner folk coming to the North Morrow Medical Center for care, but it is true that we are within the county.

Elsewhere in this issue appears our ad for the hours we are now keeping, in both Boardman and Irrigon, and I hope you will all feel welcome to share whatever care we can provide.

Sincerely,
(s) Sam Pobanz, M.D.