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Letters to the Editor

Support Ray French for commissioner

To the editor:
We support Ray French for county commission and we urge you to support him too. He is a man of integrity and honesty. Those are important qualities in the political arena today.
Ray has experience, both as

a state representative and county commissioner. He treats people fairly and does not favor any one part of the county. These are some of the reasons we will vote for Ray French. Please lend your support.
Sincerely,
(s) Tom and Marlene Currin

Vote yes on Measure 9

To the editor:
Campaign spending has gone out of control in Oregon. We need to pass Measure 9 which establishes limits on campaign spending.
Powerful, wealthy special interests are contributing multiple thousands of dollars to political campaigns in order to influence our representatives. It may well be that our increasingly relatively inactive legislators hesitate to vote on important issues in a way that would displease their campaign contributors, and may vote against the public interest.
Measure 9 would set a \$100

contribution limit to legislative candidates (\$500 to statewide candidates) from individuals and PACS. It would also ban the personal use of campaign funds and would expand the disclosure of the sources of these funds.
A vote "yes" on Measure 9 will help average Oregonians to have an equal role in our government. It's time for us to stand up and say, "let's get big money out of our state politics. Our government is not for sale." Vote "yes" on Measure 9.
(s) Jane Rawlins

Don't fall for scare tactics

To the editor:
State Treasurer, Jim Hill and Speaker of the House Larry Campbell stated in their argument in opposition of Measure 20 in the Voters Pamphlet that you would pay taxes on the pay check you deposit at the bank. This is not the truth and needs to be corrected before Nov. 8.
You will pay two percent only when you spend. If they were simply opposing the

measure, I wouldn't say a thing; but when it's not the truth, it must be corrected. Don't fall for scare tactics, those who spend your money don't want to lose the right to raise your taxes at their discretion.
Sincerely,
(s) Geronimo and Mary Bayard
Dodge Creek Stables
3739 Hwy. 138 West
Oakland 97462

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Vote for Lynn Lundquist

To the editor:
I am writing to urge everyone to vote for Lynn Lundquist for state representative, District number 59. I believe Lynn to be an excellent candidate because he offers experience as a rancher and business man which has taught him the value of hard work and the need to control costs.
Lynn and his wife, Barbara, have raised seven children and have opened their home to more than half a dozen teenagers who needed direction, discipline and a second chance. Lynn has served on school boards. He understands

funding those schools. He is concerned about drop out rates, school violence and parenting. If these are your concerns too, vote for Lynn Lundquist. He can represent you very well in these areas.
Lynn wants to crack down on criminals. He would like to get the state government priorities in order. He will make a better state for all of us to live in, work in and raise our families in.
Please join me supporting Lynn Lundquist for state representative.
Sincerely,
(s) Tom Currin

Measure 13 legalizes discrimination

To the editor:
Measure 9 is back again, toned down a bit, repackaged as Measure 13, and still trying to legalize discrimination.
Passing Measure 13 would set a dangerous precedent of encouraging one group to legally persecute another group, each time further eroding our civil rights. This could ultimately transform us from a democracy to a Puritan style theocracy. Again, one group in power could impose its way on all of us. If this happens, everyone can kiss their basic rights goodbye.
Characterizing Measure 13 as a "Child Protection Act" is just a smokescreen for the OCA's real agenda, legislating discrimination into our state constitution and imposing their brand of morality on all aspects of our lives. "Special rights" rhetoric is more of the same smokescreen. Right now, gay citizens are constitutionally guaranteed the same basic rights as anyone else, but if this measure passes, they will have even fewer rights.
Instead of having "minority status protection,"

gays and those perceived to be gay will be targets for all kinds of abuse with little or no legal means of redress. The religious right will ultimately end up with the special right to legally hound out of existence any person or group they don't like. Gays or whatever minority is fair game for the season will end up with fewer rights than they had before. So much for "special rights."
Freedom of speech also includes freedom to disapprove of lifestyles. This can be done without having to jeopardize existing constitutional rights. Is it worth it to endanger everyone's rights by passing Measure 13?
Think about the possible consequences to all citizens if Measure 13 passes. It is indeed a threat to our civil rights and the democratic process. Let's not see these diminished for anyone. Let's not be fooled by the lies and distortions aired on radio and TV. Really think hard about Measure 13 before you vote.
Sincerely,
(s) Sally Cohn
2804 N.E. 42nd Ave.
Portland, 97213

Opposes physician assisted suicide

To the editor:
On Nov. 8, Oregonians will have the opportunity to vote on Ballot Measure 16, the so-called Death With Dignity Act. I wish to voice my opposition to this measure and indicate several reasons why I believe other Oregonians should vote against the measure as well.
For 2500 years physicians have been trained under the Hippocratic Oath to be healers and preservers of life. It is incongruous with that oath for a physician to be a maintainer of life on the one hand and a taker of life on the other. This role reversal would be an unusual, burdensome, and inappropriate expectation to be laid at the feet of physicians. My sense is that the large majority of physicians do not want this responsibility. I have serious concerns regarding the motives and emotional stability of any doctor eager to take this on.
In addition, as the measure is currently written, psychological consultation would not be required, the doctor would not be required to witness the actual signing of the request by the patient, family notification would not be required, and the lethal prescription could be forwarded to the patient without the physician ever seeing the patient. The safeguards to ensure misuse of the law are vague and ill-defined.
If we want to know what can happen when physician-assisted suicide is allowed to take place, we can look to Holland. An informal, de facto arrangement with prosecutors 20 years ago has allowed physicians there to assist suicides. A dark side to the Dutch practice exists, however. Involuntary physician-assisted suicide is reportedly now more common than voluntary. Disabled adults and children are involuntarily put to death, so as not to burden society (see "U.S. News and World Report", "Death on Trial", April 25, 1994). Obviously what was once a right for a small group of individuals is now a weapon against a larger "less-desirable" group.
The potential for abuse of this law is great, and once we begin

down the slippery slope of physician-assisted suicide, who will protect our disabled, our mentally ill, and our babies with birth defects from being killed as is now happening in Holland? Finally, do we want Oregon to become a mecca for those on the fringe who want to make a name or career for themselves as facilitators of death. I think not.
Please vote no on Measure 16.
Sincerely,
(s) Stephen E. Lamb, M.D.
Box 1599
Pendleton 97801

Marriage Licenses


The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:
October 18: Eusebio Enrique Cubar, 26, Stanford, Conn.; and Goldie Lynn Stanger, 25, Irrigon.

Re-evaluate farm land changes

To the editor:
The state of Oregon presumably is trying to preserve farm lands when in reality it is restricting the freedom of farmers and property owners to sell or do as they see fit with what is rightfully theirs.
An extended drive on roads through Oregon farm land will reveal thousands of acres that are nearly useless as they sit. Some are too rocky, some covered with brush and black berries, some too hilly or small. They will never be farmed or logged.
State agencies such as the Department of Land Conservation and Development seem to be acting in a manner favorable to few groups but not to the desires or needs of the citizens of Oregon. Are they protecting the gross farming income or total agricultural production or the farmer himself?
Many farmers would be glad to sell various size parcels for several reasons including handy cash. But they cannot. How would you like to be the owner of 150 acres of Oregon land and be told that you can't sell less than 80 acres and you can't even do that because your remaining parcel is only 70 acres? Land use laws, are necessary but some are foolish, catering to a special few and do not address long term needs of the

state.
Some results of the present laws are obvious. Have you or someone you know attempted recently to acquire an acre or a few on which to build a home? With few exceptions, you could not succeed.
Home values are rising rapidly, even in small towns, because of lack of supply. The tax people are blamed unfairly. You can pay a relatively high price for a small older home or you can buy a nice home in a subdivision also at a relatively high price. People who need homes or want the extra space that a couple of acres provides are quite limited.
An important question comes up now. How are developers and subdividers able to secure plenty of land when you or I cannot buy three acres? However, you and I can pay them from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for one-sixth to one-third of an acre. There are reasons for and answers to this dilemma.
It is not just a matter of fairness to all and politics at our expense that we are dealing with. Current land use laws are beginning to hurt Oregon and will do so greatly in the future. It is time to reevaluate and make changes.
(s) Merrill Wheelock
359 SW Oak St.
Willamina 97396

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Thanks to everyone who helped at the accident Oct. 10 near Hardman. This is still a good world when strangers come to the rescue. I would like to know who all helped.

Thanks
Margaret Robinson & Family
Jerry & Terri Gentry & Family

Friday, Oct. 28:
Dinner will be served from 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29:
Costume Halloween Dance, 9 p.m.
Mexican buffet, dinner 6-8 p.m.
For Elks Members and their out-of-town guests only

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