

Letters to the Editor

Do it again Vernonia; your vote is needed

To the Editor:

I am pleased to report that Vernonia voters overwhelmingly passed the 9-1-1 measure in September. With well over a 50 percent turnout, 71.5 percent voted yes to maintain and update a healthy emergency communications system.

Unfortunately, it failed county-wide for lack of turnout, so we must do it again.

The same measure is on the November ballot and your vote is needed to achieve our goal of quality, stable 9-1-1 service in Columbia County.

Thank you, Vernonia, for leading the county in recognizing the need to support public safety issues. It makes me proud.

Kathy Denckla
Vernonia

DC 2000 Kids say thanks for support

To the Editor:

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us in our effort to raise money for our trip to Washington D.C. in the year 2000. We have had car washes, a log race, a yard sale, pop can drives, Breck bulb sale and several other fundraisers. The community has been very supportive. The D.C. 2000 kids want you to know we appreciate everyone for your support in buying a raffle ticket, having your car

washed, donating pop cans or any other way. This trip to Washington D.C. will not be possible without your support.

We also want to thank the following people and organizations for their support: Vernonia Head Start, Columbia County Sheriff's Dept., Mini Mart, Tony Hyde, Chris and Kayla Cota, Vernonia Sentry, Randy Parrow, '76 station, Cornelius Safeway, 47J District Office, Vernonia CATV, and *The INDEPENDENT*.

In appreciation of our community,
The D.C. 2000 Kids

Yes on Measure 64 for better ecology

To the Editor:

Measure 64 doesn't apply to zoned farmland, Christmas tree farms, residential zoning even if fully wooded, or even forestland wood lots under 80 acres.

Trees under 11 inches in diameter don't count. Replanted clearcuts aren't zoned forest wood lots 'til more than 8400 board feet per acre of over 11 inch diameter trees stand on them so Measure 64 doesn't apply there, but no chemicals.

Navigable waters are those you can boat on, [they] always were public domain, and 64 is far more lenient than NMFS regulations which are a result of the timber industry's own clear-cutting.

We are bound by law, as

Oregonians for Labor Intensive Forestry Economics, to only make true statements while the No people can attempt to mislead any way they please.

If you have questions please call OLife at 503-235-5895.

Selective logging, tier logging, tagging, thinning, and brushing employ more people, too, continually and locally.

Measure 64 isn't the heavy hand of regulation for smaller land owners, just big timber holders that cause too much death and destruction to other people and wildlife.

Measure 64 forces us to switch to the new ecology minded forestry of the U.S. Forest Service; Mac Millan Bloeden, Canada's largest timber company; and the green certification programs of OSU and many new forestry schools.

Thank you,
Louis Denison
Vernonia

Senior citizen will vote for jail and 9-1-1

To the Editor:

As a senior citizen, I do not usually favor voting for any measure that will increase my property tax. This November, however, I intend to vote for two that are needed. A new larger jail would keep those confined that are in some cases let go for lack of space. In the first six months of 1998 at least three hundred people were released for lack of

space.

The 9-1-1 measure would help continue the fine service we have had for some years. During the twenty years of my late husband's illness it was with a sense of security that I called for help. Within a few minutes help was always at my home. These two measures are a benefit to all of us living in Columbia County. Please vote yes.

Sincerely,
Muriel Derby
Clatskanie

Former student lauds Bushnell's teaching

To the Editor:

I would like the voters to know the Scott Bushnell that I know. I met Scott Bushnell in 1993 Scott was the job coach for Tillamook High School. I was a student in Scott's program which helped me learn job skills not out of a book. I learned hands on work experience on local job sights like Bester's Salvage, Metronix Auto Repair and BLM reforestation. Scott was the first teaching staff who focused on the things I did well. What I'm trying to say is when it comes to Education Scott truly understands the student needs and I think he would be great for us to have him as are Representative in Salem.

Heith Pierce
Tillamook

Ed. note: The above letter was printed exactly as it was written. It was sent to The INDEPENDENT by the Bushnell campaign office.

Yes on M66 for state parks and salmon

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge my fellow Oregonians to join with Senator Mark Hatfield and Governor Neil Goldschmidt to support Ballot Measure 66, the Campaign for Parks and Salmon. Over the past twenty years I have witnessed with sadness and embarrassment the degradation of the legacy of state parks and natural areas. I have watched our native salmon and other animals one by one be officially listed as threatened or endangered, throwing local economies into turmoil and in many ways threatening the quality of life here in Oregon. I have done what I could to help the situation; however, with Measure 66 we have the opportunity to make a significant, tangible, and long-term difference.

The cost of bountiful wildlife, clean rivers and streams, and well-maintained parks, is constant vigilance. Vigilance costs money. State support of parks has decreased from 70 percent to 12 percent since 1980, and federal money has also been reduced. Right now, there are 65 state parks on a list to be closed. Measure 66 would pro-

vide funding to protect our wild salmon and other wildlife, and to create and maintain state parks, ocean beaches and recreation areas. I am writing as a native Oregonian, daughter of a Central Oregon timber family and supporter of education and the environment. I am supporting Measure 66 because if we don't protect Oregon's natural heritage, I fear we will come to realize too late what we have lost.

Elizabeth K. (Betsy) Johnson
Scappoose

M64 pesticide ban isn't broad enough

To the Editor:

The proponents of Measure 64 display a distressing ignorance of forest economics, and forest health; yet their opposition to clearcuts has some merit.

Where the measure fails, however, is in its ban on herbicides and pesticides ONLY IN FORESTRY. To be useful, this ban should extend to all Oregon. No more organophosphates on residential driveways, no more weed-and-feed on suburban lawns. No more flea powder for Fido, and we will all happily eat wormy apples. Purists would not even wear mosquito repellent, relying on the labor-intensive SWAT!

Cordially,
Frazier Rohm
Vernonia

Measure 64 will make dream a nightmare

To the Editor:

I had a dream—

As a young man my dream was to become a Forester, engaging in the care and enhancement of our only renewable resource, timber, and its parent, the land. What with nearly four and one half years in World War II military service, and other demands, this did not come about.

The dream, however, was pursued in a practical sense with over 40 years of my life spent engaged in the ownership and management of land and timber.

Bought my first timber growing property in 1958. Still have it. Subsequent purchases increased the silva cultural (sic) responsibility to where an avocation became a vocation, and a full time job since 1971. Still at it — every day, and with the use of best management practices. The economic importance to me and my family is substantial.

If passed, Ballot Measure 64 will destroy 40 years of effort and the full and total value of both land and timber.

I had a dream.

Should it be destroyed?

Jack N. Seabold
Forevergreen Forests
Hillsboro

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch
Vernonia City Librarian

Last month's article discussed the issue of overdue materials and the problems associated with getting them returned. Since then, several patrons have rounded up and returned library materials and several more have made restitution or donations to atone for long overdue materials. These patrons are to be commended, but there is still a list of about a dozen patrons who have made no effort to contact the library and whose library privileges are suspended until such time as they resolve this matter. Remember that it takes extra staff time and expense to remind patrons of overdue materials and return your materials promptly.

During the past month we again received some really good news. The Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust is prepared to make a grant of \$10,000 for furnishings in the new library. That should purchase some really nice tables, chairs, etc., for patrons to use while enjoying the new library.

Speaking of the new library, have you seen that work is progressing on the beginning stage—the foundation work? Before the digging began, lines were drawn on the site indicating the layout of the buildings. It was really exciting to actually see the size, shape, and location of the library. It reminded me of raking leaves as a child and forming them into rooms to make a "pretend" house. Only this isn't pretend! It is happening—finally!

Although many of you hate to have Christmas mentioned so early, the Christmas craft books have been unearthed from their hidden spot where they reside most of the year and are available for patron use. We really do have a nice assortment, including such series as *The Spirit of Christmas*, *Christmas is Coming*, *American Country Christmas*, and *Christmas Handcrafts*.

My favorites of these are *The Spirit of Christmas* books, which include sections with ideas for thematic home decorating, making gifts of clothing, etc., ideas for entertaining, and recipes and ideas for making gifts of food. We also have several of the more popular books published by Leisure Arts, including *The Creative Christmas Kitchen*, *Christmas Gifts Under \$10*, and *Christmas Cheer* (recipes and party ideas). Our magazine section includes *Crafts*, *Quick and Easy Crafts*, and *Crafting Traditions*, all of which have great ideas for making things for yourself or for gifts. *Crafting Traditions* includes a section entitled "Christmas Corner" in each issue.

Recent acquisitions include several new books on quilting as well as one about making scrapbooks.

These books and magazines will remain within easy reach from now through the holidays. Come give them a look before beginning your holiday projects.

New works of fiction include *No Safe Place*, by Richard North Patterson, and *Tell Me Your Dreams*, by Sidney Sheldon. Patterson's novel invites the reader to explore the world of high-stakes presidential politics and the people involved at their worst and their best, their passions, their ideals, and their flaws. Sheldon's novel is about three beautiful young women who are suspected of committing a series of brutal murders. An arrest is made and the defense is based on startling, but authentic medical evidence. Of course, Sheldon's ending to the novel is quirky, as his faithful readers have come to expect. Either of these is a good choice for a "curl up by the fire" evening.

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