

Without help, failure of legislature and Measure 28 write death sentence for young father

Casualties of Oregon's economic distress continue to rear their heads. The situation of Chris Cox, a 28 year-old husband and father is one such case. Cox was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia, called Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, in October of last year. He has undergone extensive chemotherapy and his doctors have told him that a bone marrow transplant is necessary.

A donor match has been found but, since the failure of Measure 28, the post-operative medication is no longer cov-

ered by the Oregon Health Plan. Without funds to assure purchase of the medication, the transplant will not be performed.

To avoid what is a certain death sentence for Chris, the Cox family must raise at least \$72,000 just for the medication. Approximately \$100,000 of medical costs, incurred since the diagnosis, has been covered.

Cox was employed at Stimson Lumber Company until he was diagnosed with leukemia, when he was told he could no longer work because his health would be at risk. He is currently

unemployed and his wife, Andrea, is providing at-home medical care and caring for their children, three-year-old Karissa and one-year-old Elijah.

To help the family raise the necessary funds, an account has been set up through the "National Transplant Assistance Fund." For more information, or to donate to this fund, call 1-800-842-8399 or visit <www.transplantfund.org>.

Several restaurants have held fund raisers, donating a percentage of proceeds to Cox, including Godfather's Pizza and Northwest Sweet Toma-

toes. Several more are if Chris Cox is going to survive planned, but the need is urgent, and regain his health.

Vernonia Justice Court

Abbreviations: DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; BUII, Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants; DWS, Driving While License is Suspended; MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; ODL, Oregon Driver License; FTA, Failure to Appear in Court; NTSI, National Traffic Safety Institute; DA, District Attorney; VIP, Victim Impact Panel; FF&A, Fines, Fees and Assessments.

March 18, 2003

Traffic..... 10

Game..... 4
Boat..... 1
Misc. Violations..... 2

March 25, 2003

Gregory A. Reynolds, 23, Vernonia, pled not guilty to Assault IV; continued. Pled guilty at warrant arraignment for violation of release agreement; 180 days jail, suspended, 1 yr probation, abide by all terms of 3/1/03 release agreement, no fine imposed.

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