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It gets worse. The wording in Measure 34 will put the remaining unlocked up harvestable timber in the Tillamook Forest at the same risk for endless law suits and delays as the federal forests. Forest fires and bark beetles, of course, don't care what goes on in the courts. So, unfortunately for us all, they are likely to be the ultimate winners.

Worse yet: Backers of 34 are exploiting an already painful Urban Rural Divide in our state politics. Clearly measure 34 would have no chance passing in the counties directly affected. So, although it's mainly about the Tillamook Burn area, its backers have made 34 a statewide measure. That way they can exploit sentimental and irresponsible environmentalism in the big cities. Meanwhile, in the small communities most directly affected, lumber mills will close and hundreds of good paying jobs will be lost.

Measure 34 seems like a warm and fuzzy pro-green environmental ballot measure. But in fact it trashes a hard-won reasonable compromise plan arrived at by knowledgeable people with a real stake in the out-come. It will most certainly make every citizen in the state a little poorer and will impoverish rural towns and rural lives.

Please take a closer look and vote NO on Measure 34.

**Paul Dinu
Scappoose**

Kerry for bigger, more intrusive government

To the Editor:

Yes, you should vote for John Kerry if..

You want more and bigger gov-

ernment intrusion into your life...

You want more things run by the government which almost always does it worse, at a higher cost and with less efficiency than the private sector...

You want more taxes, regardless of your income level; look at Kerry's record of voting for tax increases...

You want to ask France and Germany if it is OK to go after the terrorists that want to kill us...

You want someone who can't make up his mind about your security and mine...

You want someone who has voted against almost all the weapons systems used to defend us and to go after terrorists...

You want someone who will trust the United Nations to establish our foreign policy rather than ourselves...

You want someone who is willing to hand off our sovereignty to the UN or France or Germany...

John Kerry scares me to death!!! He has the potential to get us all killed by not being decisive in going after terrorists because he does not want to ruffle the feathers of other nations. I want someone who has the strength of his convictions and will go after the bad guys regardless of what other nations think. It is coming to light that France and Germany were profiting handsomely from corruption in the UN "food for oil" program and were on "the take" from Sadaam Hussein. Can we trust them and the UN to determine how we should defend ourselves? Have we forgotten that we are at war with forces who killed 3000 of our innocent citizens on Sept. 11, 2001? George W. Bush is a straight shooter who does not waf-

file in the face of foreign criticism.

**Dick Martin
Vernonia**

Honorable GOP of old is sorely missed

To the Editor:

What has happened to the former honorable Republican Party? Everywhere I look and all I hear coming from the leaders and much of the rank and file of the Republican Party are lies, distortions, and voter fraud. Decent Republicans take back your party. Kick your leaders out and start over.

The Republicans I have known are decent, hardworking, caring people. Why are Republicans letting these dishonest, power grabbing, greedy people take over the Republican Party? How can any-

one possibly support a leader who would allow our democracy to be threatened from within? A strong leader who believed in himself and his supporters, would denounce the lies, rather than engage in lying. A true leader would control his party and tell the rank and file - we can win honestly - stop the voter fraud and the lies!

I find myself raging against the injustices. Tell the truth, let us all vote, and count all of our votes honestly. This is what our democracy is supposed to guarantee.

Vote Democratic and bring honesty and decency back to the political process.

Vote for John Kerry and David Wu.

**Cathy Sheeley
Scappoose**

Dirty politics shouldn't erase Wu's good work

To the Editor:

Congressional politics seem to be getting dirtier and dirtier. Goli Ameri's staff has managed to dig up some 28-year-old dirt on David Wu when he was student at Stanford. Ms. Ameri also attended Stanford during this same time period. The school did not take action against him nor did his girl friend of two years. Evidently Ms. Ameri has been saving this tidbit to be used at "just the right time" to bolster her already well-financed campaign.

David Wu's vote in Congress is only one out of 435, but if we lose him, we will also lose his excellent

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Four years ago I made a commitment to represent the people of Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley.

- Working, to understand your needs.
- Voting, with your best interests in mind.
- Volunteering, alongside you and your community.
- Helping, to retain your historic past.

I have kept my commitment.

**RE-ELECT
CORSIGLIA**

Paid for by the committee to re-elect Joe Corsiglia, Columbia County Commissioner

Keep David Wu in Congress

Republican Goli Ameri is making a hard run at replacing Democrat David Wu as representative for the 1st Congressional District.

Ameri has been in Vernonia talking with people, and unfortunately demonstrated a remarkable lack of knowledge about the area, health care and small business.

Wu is seeking a third term and he has demonstrated excellent constituent service. He is not a party-line Democrat, nor is he an automatic vote in any area.

He successfully got extended unemployment benefits to

out-of-work Oregonians and is working to make health care more affordable. Wu deserves our support as he has supported us.

Meet the candidates for Vernonia Mayor and City Council at a Candidates Forum Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m. Vernonia City Hall