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Prevent A Mugging editorial opinion by Evan Kramer

The Oregon State Legislature has referred a constitutional amendment to the voters of Oregon under the name of Measure 24 which appears on the May 21 ballot. This measure asks the voters to, in essence, mug themselves and give up some of their constitutional rights. As the law is currently written it takes 97,681 valid voter signatures to qualify a constitutional amendment and 73,261 signatures for a statutory change. The signatures may be gathered from any or all parts of the state including shopping malls in Portland and in front of Fred Meyer in Brookings or for that matter in front of or in a business in Port Orford. Measure 24 would require that 20% of the valid signatures come from each of the five congressional districts.

What's going on? An unusual alliance which includes among others the Oregon AFLCIO, Associated Oregon Industries, Oregon Bankers Association, Oregon School Boards Association, Portland General Electric and numerous chambers of commerce have lined up behind a majority of the state legislature in support of Measure 24. Is there too much democracy going for these powerful interests? I've heard it said that there are too many ballot initiatives attempting to

qualify for the November ballot. There are 80 initiatives currently being circulated. If the legislature was more responsive to the will of the people, perhaps we wouldn't need so many.

Those opposed to Measure 24 include a large number of grassroots political organizations. Many of them don't share a lot of politics in common except for their effective use of citizen involvement in the democratic process, their lack of money and a belief that the people should have a voice in state policies.

The purpose of Measure 24 is to make it more difficult to qualify an initiative for the ballot therefore keeping this powerful and effective form of voter participation in the law making process under the thumbs of the powers that be. The supporters of Measure 24 hide under the guise of making the initiative process more fair. One of their favorite lamentations is that paid signature gatherers at Portland area malls are short circuiting the interests of the rest of the state.

The Oregon Legislature has failed to act, leaving many of the important issues up to the voters. These have included tax reform, campaign finance reform, term limits, right to die, hunting restrictions, and nuclear power issues. Had Measure 5 not qualified for the ballot and passed

property tax relief would still be a pipe dream.

Here's how difficult it would be to get an initiative on the ballot. This information comes directly from the Secretary of State Phil Keisling's office. In the November, 1994 election there were 16 ballot initiatives. The information they have provided me indicates that not one of those 16 initiatives would have qualified for the ballot if Measure 24 would have been in effect back then! I spoke with Mr. Keisling about this issue and asked him how he was going to vote on Measure 24. He told me he was voting "No" on it. He said both sides on this issue were being very dramatic about it and that he was disappointed in the level of rhetoric. He also said "the legislature is playing symbolic politics" with this Measure. He said he didn't think Measure 24 was going to make a big difference one way or the other.

This is the most important issue on the May 21 primary ballot. It's up to us the voters to prevent the Oregon's most powerful interest groups from mugging the democratic process with our assistance. It's bad enough that the state legislature and the courts keep interfering with initiatives voted into law by the people. Protect your right to use the initiative process. Vote no on Measure 24.

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu May 9	4:20am 7.0	11:37am -0.2	6:24pm 6.5	NONE —
Fri May 10	5:35am 6.5	12:09am 2.9	7:23pm 6.8	12:38pm 0.2
Sat May 11	7:01am 6.1	1:26am 2.5	8:16pm 7.1	1:39pm 0.6
Sun May 12	8:21am 6.0	2:38am 1.8	9:04pm 7.4	2:37pm 1.0
Mon May 13	9:33am 6.0	3:41am 1.1	9:46pm 7.7	3:29pm 1.4
Tue May 14	10:36am 6.1	4:36am 0.5	10:28pm 7.9	4:19pm 1.7
Wed May 15	11:33am 6.2	5:22am 0.0	11:06pm 8.0	5:04pm 2.0
Thu May 16	11:43PM 7.9	6:07am -0.4	12:24pm 6.2	5:46pm 2.3

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat Apr. 27	68	45	—
Sun Apr. 28	70	48	—
Mon Apr. 29	63	48	—
Tue Apr. 30	63	46	—
Wed May 1	60	46	—
Thu May 2	55	39	—
Fri May 3	54	40	Trace

League of Women Voters

Ballot measures for the May 21 Primary will be discussed at the monthly meeting of League of Women Voters of Curry County, Port Orford unit. Members and interested persons, men or women, are welcome at the home of Shirley Nelson, 585 Tichenor Street, at 10am Friday, May 10. Call 332-9002 or 332-3002 for more information.

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Anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, relative, partner or friend is invited. For more information, please call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health/Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405, or 1-800-535-9472.

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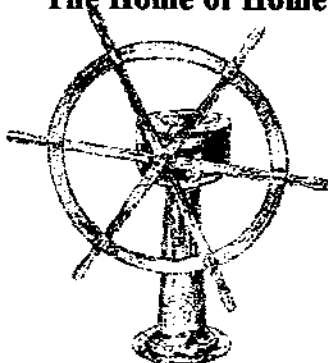
Letter to the Editor:

Remember Measure 9 on our ballots two years ago? That was the Oregon Campaign Finance Reform Initiative that we approved by more than 2 to 1. Some politicians were less than happy about its restrictions on money raising but one candidate for the U.S. Senate seat held by retiring Mark Hatfield wholeheartedly supports it.

Harry Lonsdale, convinced that "the corruption of money in politics is the principal reason we have lost confidence in our own government", supports Oregon's reform so sincerely that he is abiding by its restrictions even though he is not required to do so as a candidate for

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federal office. Leading by example, he is accepting no money from PACs or from out of state, no more than \$500 from individuals, and contributing no more than \$25,000 of his own funds. He clearly believes that a candidate can win on the issues and not just by spending the most money.

Lonsdale has equally courageous positions on the environment, health care security and other issues. As reported recently in *The Oregonian*, the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group in Washington, D.C. that focuses on balancing the budget, gave him credit for proposing the most detailed and most realistic budget of those submitted by the major Demo-

cratic candidates in Oregon's U.S. Senate primary.

Curry County residents are invited to meet and question Lonsdale on Saturday, May 11, at a public reception from 4 to 6pm in the conference room of the Best Western Brookings Inn on Chetco Avenue in Brookings. Call 469-4215 or 247-7944 for more information

Betty Crooks

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Langlois RFPD Report By Tobe Porter

It's budget time for all your public servants of the cemetery, library, water and fire districts. That means we get together and moan about how difficult it is to get all the dates and numbers in tidy rows. It was at one of these chance meetings that Fire Chief (and budget officer) Mike Murphy told me about the fire district's serial levy. The money realized by that levy purchased the district's 5,000 gallon Tender. Now a tender is obviously a very important piece of equipment for a rural fire district such as ours - it brings the water to put out the fire. Just look around, and if you can't see a fire hydrant you'll be double quick to brag about our water truck.

Thanks go to the people in the fire district for this serial levy. And thanks to the fire district personnel it is anticipated that this levy will be dropped several years before its expiration date. It turns out that our fire fighters are building this tender themselves, thereby saving a great deal of money in labor costs. If you'd like to see the tender, or any of the district's other equipment, stop by on a Tuesday at 7pm during fire drills. If you volunteer, you might be able to drive that rig.

Easter Egg: In a blank spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel for Windows 95, High-light row 95 (by clicking on the "95") and then Tab to column B. Click on the "Help" menu and select "About." Then,

Letter to the Editor,

We have a fellow citizen who is crying for our help. Several people have reported raccoons walking around town with their tails either cut off or stripped from the bone. I assume someone has caught these animals in a wire mesh box trap and has sadistically pulled their tails through the mesh to cut on them.

Sane people protecting their pets would simply trap the offending wild animals and transport them or kill them.

An unredeemably sick person would slowly dismember the animals, in private, giggling with joy at their ability to inflict pain. When their party was over and their fun finished, they would simply dispose of the body.

I believe that this person is turning these mutilated animals free to show our community what he/she has done in a desperate, "Save Me From Myself", appeal.

Let us try to identify and help this person. No one should have to endure such a disgusting self image.

Robert J. Warring, President
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society

while holding down CTRL-ALT-Shift, click on Tech Support. A window will open showing a room. Use the up-arrow key to move up the stairs. Turn around and come down then type "excelkfa" and the back wall will disappear. Watch your step as you move to the gallery of faces!

Letter To The Editor,

Citizens of Port Orford. During the next city council meeting, there will likely be a discussion on the 1996-97 city budget. It is important that the people of Port Orford have input on how the city spends their tax dollars. There is a possibility that the council could decide to reduce the amount of funding allotted to items that the public feels are essential and use that money for special interest projects.

I hope that the City Council will explain, what percentage the federally funded "Cops Grant" pays toward our new police department, and from where are the funds that the city will have to contribute going to come.

This invitation has been extended many times by the Mayor and council persons along with most of the committees and their members working on behalf of Port Orford citizens. Your attendance at the city council meeting will be much appreciated.

Walt Kaplan

Women of Zion

Pies, cakes, cookies, rolls and other home-baked goodies will be offered for sale by the women of Zion Lutheran Church, Friday, May 10. The annual sale begins at 9am at the church, corner of 20th and Washington streets. Proceeds will go toward church projects.

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By Donna Hoffmann, Master Gardener

Several calls have come in to the Master Gardeners office, with concern over holly trees in our area losing leaves, not just a few, but lots of leaves. With some master sleuthing by one of our Master Gardeners and confirmation by several others, it seems our trees are suffering from *phytophthora ilicis*, Leaf and Twig Blight, a fungus. (The fungus is the root rot fungus that kills our beautiful Port Orford Cedar here on the South coast. But, that's another story.) The disease develops during the cool, rainy weather and subsides during the warm, drier summer months. Where trees are close together, the disease has caused almost complete defoliation and severe twig blighting, particularly on the lower limbs.

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ting begins on the lower part of the trees in late fall and progresses upward during winter months. Twig dieback and canker development on larger stems occur later in the winter. Infection may occur at a berry cluster, and the fungus may girdle and kill the twig.

Cultural control: Select a site that permits good air drainage. Space and prune trees to permit good air circulation.

Chemical control: The first application should be made by October 15 or just before the onset of the fall rains, using Subdue or Fore. When using the chemical control, be sure to follow directions on the label precisely. "More" is better only when falling in love or eating chocolate - not when using pesticide! By using more than the label recommends, you may cause irreversible damage, if not this year, possibly the next, or even the year after, at which time, you'll have no idea what happened to your tree/plant.

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And now from the insect kingdom. Have you been noticing the leaves on your rhododendron look rather strange? Like someone came along and used a hole punch on the outer edges of the leaves? (If the holes are on the inside of the leaf, a snail is most likely the culprit.)

If the answer is "yes", your rhoddie probably has uncommon or obscure root weevils. Why do they call it uncommon when we seem to have so many? The adults come out at night to feed on the leaves (maybe that's uncommon.). They lay their eggs and the larvae feed on the roots of the plant, eventually killing the plant if they girdle the roots. Talk about a double whammy! *Orthene*, used as the label directs (remember, love and chocolate!) will take care of the adults but won't touch the larvae. For them, you'll need to purchase some beneficial nematodes from a nursery or one of the gardening catalogs listing beneficial insects. Good gardening! (Master Gardeners' phone number: 1-800-356-3986, Wednesday 9-noon.

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Senior News
By Mary Yoder

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On May 6 - pinocle - nice time. Ladies high Judy Peacock-Klien. Low for ladies Lucille Tubbs. High for men Was Clare Stahl and low Micky Harper. Saturday May 11 is the luncheon and Rummage Sale. The Sing A Longs will be doing their thing - come and enjoy.

Oh dear - I made a mistake in the paper last week. I said there was a violin in the Memphis band that played for the dance. It was my first mistake - do you believe

that? Any way it was two guitars and a drummer - sorry - I still say they did a good job.

Real soon we will know who our new officers are. I wish the best for all of them. The board meeting was Wed. the 8 - tell you about it next week. Remember pool and cards Tue. and Thu. nights 7-9pm. You don't have to be 55 or older to play - all are welcome. See you at the center.

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Letter to the Editor,

Well folks, they are at it again. (What's new?) I am referring to Measure 24 placed on your ballot by the legislature. This measure is nothing more than a rather transparent attempt to destroy the initiative process by making it nearly impossible for citizen groups to place issues on the ballot. Measure 24 will give any one of the five congressional districts absolute veto power over the placement of issues before the people. Powerful interest groups opposed to reform of any kind can run an inexpensive advertising campaign in a single district and kill a reform effort in its tracks.

I have attended several candidates forums and one discussion group. When I asked why the political establishment supports measure 24, I get two answers, "there are just too many issues on the ballot" and "this measure will keep the people from doing something stupid".

There have been a sizable number of initiative measures on the ballot in recent years, however, I do not believe that it has anything to do with the "stupidity" of the voters. Rather, I believe that it has everything to do with the electorate's desire to make this state a good place to live for themselves and others like them, something that the Legislature has failed miserably to do on their own. Political scientists have written that a large number of initiatives on the ballot means one thing, the electorate is very unhappy with the way that their government has been operating and is forced to take corrective measures on their own.

I urge every one who is eligible to vote to turn out on November 21 and vote against this sham called measure 24. Let's show our political establishment that we, the voters, are not as "stupid" as they appear to think. Vote no!

Ralph Donaldson

SWOCC

Southwestern Oregon Community College will be offering the Development in Middle Childhood Class on Saturdays, starting May 11 - through June 15. Cost is \$102 for tuition, \$54.65 for book. Classes will be held in the afternoons at the Gold Beach SWOCC Office. Jeanette Couture instructs this course which includes the study of growth and development in six through twelve year old children. Emphasis will be on physical, cognitive, emotional, and the social growth of the school-aged child.

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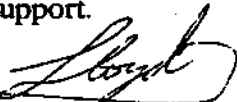
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I believe the family must unite with leadership from the parents or they will slowly fall apart.

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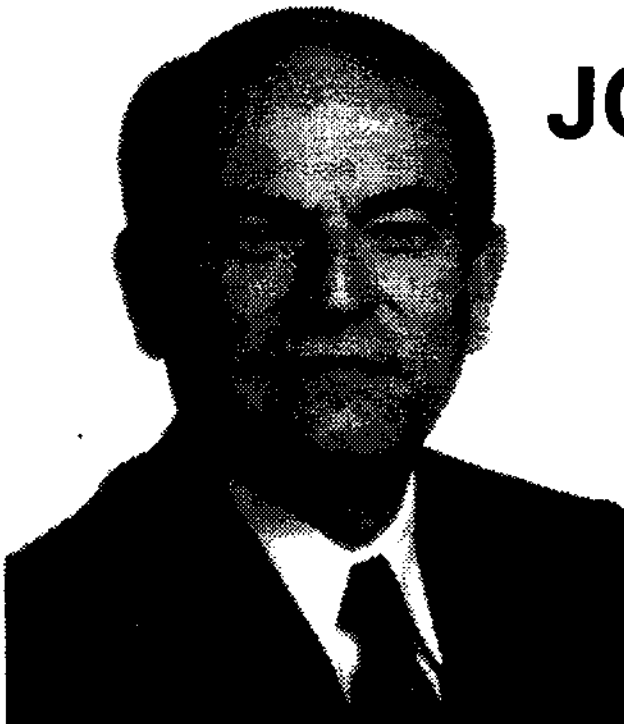
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16bit Sound Card + Wave---Table
120w speakers
28.8kbps Supra PNP Modem
Diamond Stealth 64 bit PCI video card w/2Mb
Acer A-Open 17" Digital SVGA Monitor
Windows 95, Microsoft Mouse & pad

\$2,949.00

*"Your friends will think they
own Commodore 64's!"*

MEDIUM COMPUTER

Intel Pentium 133Mhz
Mini-Tower, Acer Motherboard
8Mb RAM
Panasonic 1.44Mb 3.5" floppy disk drive
Conner 1Gb hard disk
4x CD-ROM Multimedia Package
Trident video card w/1Mb RAM
Acer 14" SVGA monitor .28dpNI
Keyboard, mouse, Windows 95 CD

\$1,880.00

w/ 16Mb RAM - add \$125
w/ 17" monitor - add \$400

Used Computer 486DX2-66

8Mb RAM
14" SVGA monitor .28dp NI
CD-ROM Drive
Audio Card
Tape Backup
1.44Mb 3.5" & 1.2Mb 5.25" Floppy Disk Drives
Full Tower Case • 101 Key Keyboard
170 Mb hard drive • 30 Day Warranty

\$850.00

Used Printer - \$125

Citizen GSX-140 w/ color option & many ribbons!



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Within the doorway
of an Espresso Café...
Crowded several frogs
this particular wet day.

Their nerves were frazzled...
they were caffeine-addicted.
They wanted some Espresso...
All the reptiles afflicted.

"Make mine Café Latte,
in a large mug that's all mine,
I love to swim in coffee
in any place where I dine!"

Another frog yelled out,
"Make mine a Café Mocha...
The frog ahead is paying,
because I'm kinda broke-a!"

The boldest of all...
sat cross-legged on a stool,
And asked politely,
"Is this a new poetry school?"

The owner lost her temper...
refused service to the frogs.
"Go back where you came from...
learn poetry in the bogs!"

Here is the official Oregon State home
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<http://www.state.or.us/>

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