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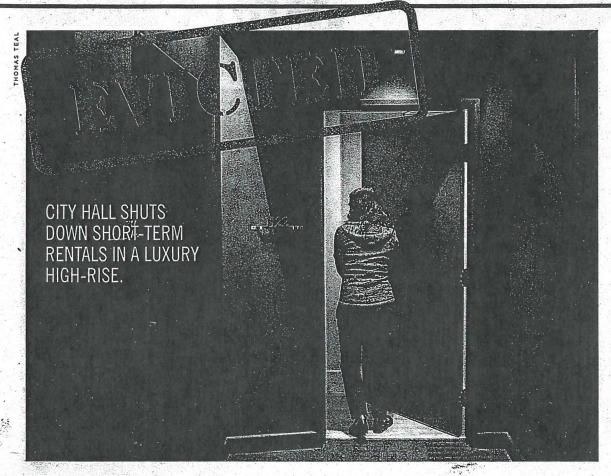
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# NEWS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK



BY RACHEL MONAHAN rmonahan@wweek.com

The most extravagant short-term rental in Portland—an entire floor of apartments in a waterfront highrise—is being shut down by city officials.

WW reported in September that the entire 11th floor of the 21-story apartment tower Yard was available for rent by the night. Located on the east end of the Burnside Bridge, the 18 units, when rented together, cost up to \$7,215 a night, not including taxes and fees ("Yard Sign," WW, Sept. 21, 2016).

But after WW reported on the short-term rentals at Yard, the Portland Housing Bureau threatened to yank the tax credits for the building. The 284-unit complex includes 57 affordable apartments, qualifying its owners for an estimated \$771,079 in tax breaks in 2017.

Guardian Real Estate Services, which owned a stake in the building, agreed to remove the short-term

rentals to keep the tax credits. Guardian just sold the building for \$126 million to Land and Houses, a Bangkok-based real estate company.

Housing Bureau director Kurt Creager says the building's tax credits were based on Yard apartments being used only as full-time residences.

"We are delighted we still have 57 affordable units in the building," Creager says. "We will be monitoring the compliance. It's a good case in how inclusionary zoning could work in this town."

Vacasa, the company responsible for renting out the 11th floor, says it is leaving Yard by the end of April.

"We were helping to subsidize the affordable units," says Cliff Johnson of Vacasa. He blamed WW's stories for driving out the short-term rentals, calling the coverage "nitpicking" and "sensational news stories." He called the city's decision "a disincentive to developers to provide affordable units."

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Dear Jim,

This Saturday, January 28th, I'll be hosting a town hall at Franklin High School in Portland. I invite all Multnomah County residents to come and discuss what we need to do to strengthen our state and our nation.

Also, if you are running into red tape accessing veterans' benefits or dealing with Social Security or Medicare, or having trouble getting what you need from other federal agencies, I will have a constituent services worker on hand who may be able to help.

### What:

Multnomah County Town Hall

### When:

Saturday, January 28th, 2017 2:30 PM

### Where:

Franklin High School Cafeteria Marshall Campus 3905 SE 91st Ave. Portland, OR 97266

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To learn more about this town hall or any future events, please <u>visit my website</u> at merkley senate gov and <u>stay engaged on Twitter</u>. You can also <u>like my</u>



April 2, 2013

Jimmy Whittenburg 975 S E Sandy Blvd Portland, OR 97214

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Dear Jim,

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Here are just a few of the things we did:

- Filled a combined 30,000 hours of volunteer shifts
- Made nearly 570,000 phone calls
- Set a record by talking to more than 12,000 voters in a single day
- Talked to over 230,000 voters on the phone or at the door

We hope you will join us in continuing the fight to hold big corporations accountable and improve funding for schools and services. We're confident that we are closer than ever before. Thank you, Jim, for all you do!

Warmest regards,

The A Better Oregon Team

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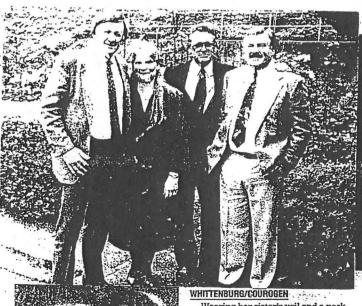
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to have you as a friend.

All the best,







WHITTENBURG/COUROGEN

Wearing her sister's veil and a necklace and handkerchief from the bridegroom's parents, Claudette Whittenburg wed Peter Courogen. The bridegroom wore his father's wedding cuff links and handkerchief for their service in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. A number of their guests traveled from Holland for their July 25 ceremony.

The bride, an architect, is a graduate of the University of Oregon. Carl and Marieen Neil are her parents. The bridegroom, a sports physiologist, is a graduate of the University of Oregon. William and Meropi Courogen are his parents.

## ETRO/NORTHWES

EDITORIAL, FORUM

### ws: Who's Jim Whittenburg, why does he do it?

As a controversial figure, the tall, intense-driver: of the bandwagon for and submitting the form Tuesday.

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than three times the number needed to put the measure on the ballot.

"People are taking control of the Whittenburg, a registered pharma. government," he told a news confercist, has campaigned for several years ence as he filed the final signatures. "It's a message to the elected managers of government that the common people want a voice again in making the deci-

> A native of Colorado, Whittenburg spent much of his childhood in Portland and in Roseburg, where his father, Vernon, operated a furniture store.

He was raised by his mother after riends, giving, a Portland post office — California's overwhelming passage this parents were divorced while he was

> He received a bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University in Backers of the Whittenburg amend 1963 and earned his pharmacist's li-

write papers on drug law revision ac- cause of escalating taxes, cording to Conyers' aide Heidi Napper.

Vernon Whittenburg, who is 63 and semi-retired, says he fully supports the political efforts of his son, who he said is living mostly on contributions.

"He's working for the people of the state, and nobody's paying him much.", government help to poor people. the elder Whittenburg said, "It gripes me that he wants to lower their taxes chipping in much."

"He doesn't even-own a car or a house so he's got nothing to gain from Whittenburg filed 11 other initiative.

the said he has paid a few bills for on all but the tax measure. his son, but not many: "He mostly has to make it on his own."

cy in Oregon and Washington, D.C. He was burdened by high taxes on her It was an Oregon record and more was hired by Rep. John Conyers, D. Portland house and his father says he -Mich., on-a short-term contract 1973 to may-sell-his house near Ruseburg bc-

> "People are sick and tired of it, and now they're ready to put a stop to it." the son said.

> He said he is not interested in cutting off welfare payments and other

"The intent is not-to cut programs" that help people in need," said Whittenand they're all sitting back and not burg, adding that he has a brother-in Corvallis who receives welfare assis-

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Whittenburg has practiced pharma- tax crusade because his grandmother registered mail when accounts are closed.

Tuesday he refiled a measure to repeal all state taxes on heer and wine The taxes bring the state some \$13 million each biennium, but Whittenburg believes beer and wine cost too much in Oregon. He'll-try to get the measure on, the 1980 ballot.

Another initiative he sponsored would have reduced the penalties for negotiating bad checks. Whittenburg said the charges against him are political harassment-and that his accountshave been closed without his being noti

Oregon Gov- Bob Stranb said h won't grant a request from Idaho that charges, while potential telent Some of the others involved person - ho, would be misdemeanors in Gr

"Nicholas von Hoffman is in a class by himself in spotting power at its most clownish and absurd. He has given us an antic history of Washington's burlesque show, more outrageous than Minsky's. It dazzles with wit and insight."—Studs Terkel

Nicholas von Hoffman is known as the sharpest and most biting of our syndicated political columnists, and in recent years he has also been widely read as the co-author of a number of books with Carry Trudeau in Make Believe Presidents, von Hoffman displays all the with and verve that have made his columns so effective, yet shows that he also has the talents of a skilled revisionist historian and a highly political critic.

But von Hoffman carries his knowledge very lightly; and though he has written a work filled with fascinating historical data, most of which will be new to the reader, his book is above all sharp, amusing, and thought-provoking. As in his columns, von Hoffman knows how to shock, inform, and amuse at the same time. Basically, the book's thesis is that far from being an aberration, Nixon and Watergate represented a culmination of a presidential tradition beginning with Teddy Roosevelt. Going back through American history and ranging from the invasion of the Philippines, through the New Deal, to Carter, von Hoffman draws a brilliant and consistently incisive picture of the captive presidency. He shows us a man elected to an office of great promise and increasingly little power, a pattern he sees strongly exemplified in the hopes Americans had for Carter, and their immediate disappointment. No one who reads von Hoffman's startling book will think of the president—or of power in America—in the same way again.

"When Richard Nixon was first tagged with the 'Imperial Presidency,' he must have wondered what his detractors knew that he didn't. So must have Nicholas von Hoffman, for here he is suggesting out loud that even our most willful presidents served at the pleasure of the very interests they had assumed they controlled. Revisionism is rarely welcomed in the company of a political history as idealized as ours, but this update from one of

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For leading interlopers, is insistent and maddenagly informed. It is the argument of this book that presidents only reflect their times and rarely use above them. Let it be canted from the rubble of our most cherished assumptions that Nicholas you Hoffman has no such problem."

-Garry Trudeau



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nicholas von Hoffman's career, first as a reporter for the *Chicago Daily News* and later for the *Washington Post*, included coverage of a broad spectrum of stories, from the civil-rights movement and the Mississippi summer of 1964 to Watts, from student riots and the Chicago Democratic Convention to Watergate. He has been a radio commentator for CBS News, and in the early seventies debated James J. Kirkpatrick weekly on 60 *Minutes*. His column, now distributed by King Features Syndicate, appears three times a week in 150 newspapers across the country.

Von Hoffman is the author of numerous books, which range from an investigation of the drug culture to a work of fiction. His two most recent books, Fireside Watergate and Tales From the Margaret Mead Taproom, were co-authored with Garry Trudeau.

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excepting Nixon, the progression from administration to administration is so reassuringly smooth. A Jerry Ford goes and a Jimmy Carter comes and appoints not only the same old people but also the same new people. Younger persons—even from such heretical places as the Ralph Nader organizations and the anti-Vietnam-War groups—may join the government, but the institutional weight and arrangement make them like those who sat at the desks before. Carter himself has disappointed many who worked for him and hoped for him. He was not the true, new man after all, but working within the system deprives one of new possibilities. If there is no thesis and if there is no antithesis, there can be no synthesis. In an organizational universe of managers and problem-solvers, there's no dialectic, no dynamic.

No ideas, no change can be generated by such politics. It was long ago commented on that the two parties are sterile, unable to conceive, invent, or create, and have depended on third parties for new ideas. In the sixties and the seventies, the civilrights movement and the antiwar people provided the agenda and framed the debate. Left to the law courts, the national legislature, or the electoral process, Rosa Parks would still be riding the streets of Montgomery, Alabama, in the back of a bus; the B-29s would still be attempting to interdict the military supplies moving into South Vietnam on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. You can't work within the system, because the system doesn't work. To effect change you have to threaten a slave rebellion, start a riot, set off a mini-revolution, induce a galvanic event outside the marble-pillared buildings with concussion waves severe enough to disturb the eternally mortuarial tranquillity, within.

Elective or electoral politicians can't make such loud noises. Even to force change into the public discussion, much less realize it, puts one beyond the pale. In the lingo of the pros, "issue-oriented" people destroy their own political effectiveness, i.e., they make it impossible for themselves to get elected. The paradox is that the politically effective people can't get anything done, while the ineffective people, a Martin Luther

King, a Ralph Nader, a Saul Alinsky, can't get elected but can get things done.

A Jimmy Carter is almost prototypical then. Effective at getting elected, he is ineffective at realizing the changes candidate Carter seemed to have been promising the voting multitudes. In actuality, the Carter campaign was the traditional one of whichever party does not control the White House. His anti-Washington theme is hoary with age, going back at least as far as Andrew Jackson, another Southern boy who ran as an outsider. In the destruction of the Bank of the United States, Old Hickory could be said to have lived up to his egalitarian, anti-Eastern campaign posture, but, although comparisons between presidents separated that far in time are meaningless, they show how some thematic matter endures more as a cultural attitude than a political position. Whether Jimmy the Baptist and his advisors consciously chose an anti-Washington stance or merely drifted into it, they were reciting the classic lines of the challenger in our election rituals. Where Carter has gotten into trouble is that, as Big Brother has grown to manhood, a larger proportion of the electorate may have come to expect him to do something about Washington than was the case when a Woodrow Wilson was making the same campaign promises. A detached reading of Carter's stump locutions will show that he never suggested a new relationship between government and the individual or the society, something implicit in the demands of those who worry about Big Brotherism. That would entail a decentralist upheaval of near-revolutionary proportions, something for which there is great support among individual Americans and none among organized power groups —and Jimmy Carter is assuredly a power-group person. Jimmy Carter in 1976 was well to the right of William Jennings Bryan, who told America in 1919, "Our greatest task today is to protect the God-made man from the man-made giant. The Godmade man has natural rights; the corporate giant has no rights except those conferred by the law."2 Bryan was one of the last major national politicians willing to disestablish the government-corporate connection, but he died in 1925. By the time



### Council's Director Sees Urgent Need To Help Drug Addicts, Punish Pushers

By ANN SULLIVAN

for drug Special courts abuse defendants, better lagail defense for young people caught in such trouble and setting up medical clinics for young people are current alms. of a young Portland pharmaelst who has gone to Washington, D.C., to become executive director of the National Councll on Youth and Drugs.

For several years Jim D Vhittenburg, 31, Beaverton Whittenburg, 31, Beaverton High School graduate of 1957. had\_devoted\_considerable\_time to speaking before young peo-

ple on drug problems, mostly in the Northwest. He attended Portland State University and received a degree in pharmacy from Oregon State University.

He went to Washington, D.C. about a year ago where he he saw on display brochures attracted support for his effattacking anthropologist Dr. forts. The council has existed Margaret Med woman. largely on private donations pointy-headed old woman. but is now expecting some. Whittenburg said his attitude lederal support through efforts towards marijuana has of Sen. Mark Hatfield and changed in the past year. He Rep. Wendell Wyatt, Whitten earlier had left the laws should burg said in Portland Thurs-be enforced strictly until "all

### Delegates Lack Dedication

He is in Portland visiting his this point I feel the legal mother and steptather. Bruce ramifications from the arrests Letten: 880 NW 112th Ave-before returning to Washing-ton from a drug conference in Hawaii.

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The sellers and the pushers of hard narcotics, however, he feels should have serious punishments, including long jail terms and even life imprison-ment and execution.

He was aghast, he said, at the tremendous "don't care anymore" feelings of young addicts in eastern ghettos.

"I've seen 8, 9 year-old addicts."

### Tougher Penalties Urged .

pinty-headed old woman." Whittenburg said the Hono-Whittenburg said his attitude ulu conference came up with one suggestion he approves the creation of special orug courts and accompanying probation and rehabilitation officers with good training.

Whittenburg also said he druggists and doctors-who dispense and prescribe drugs not needed. He also asked for stricter reins on pharmacists who make cough syrups available "by the case.

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### DRUG EXPERT

### BLASTS NIXON RECORD

Despite four years of rhetoric, there are twice as many heroin addicts in the United States today as there were when President Nixon took office, a nationally recognized drug expert charged today.

According to (Jim Whittenburg,) Director of the National Council on Drugs and Youth, Inc., and a member of Republicans for McGovern, the Nixon Administration has done virtually nothing to treat returning veterans with drug addiction and has used a "law and order" approach to drug abuse rather than an approach based upon social rehabilitation.

He made his remarks at a debate sponsored by the Hanford <u>Sentinel</u> at the Hanford Civic Auditorium.

"The Administration has simply failed to follow through on its promise to cut off aid to countries who are harboring drug saugglers," Whittenburg charged. He referred especially to the so-called Golden Triangle — bouth Vietnes, Laos, and Thailand — from which one-third of the heroin now reaching the United States reportedly comes.

Whittenburg) said that the Veterans Administration is refusing treatment to Vistnam veterans for drug addictions they acquired while serving in Southeast Asia. "Two VA hospitals I know of will not admit addicted veterans for treatment," Whittenburg said, "although they are admitting veterans for other service-related problems."

He said the reason the Nixon Administration has not been willing to crack down on countries which are permitting swuggling operations to continue is that many of these countries are essential to the Administration's policies in Southeast Asia. "Until we put a higher priority on ending drug addiction than on maintaining President Thiou, the flow of drugs from Southeast Asia will continue." Whittenburg said.

"President Nixon obviously is not willing to make that commitment; George McGovern is," he added.

Whittenburg noted that the addicted veteram is a tragic and dangerous phenomenon. "Here is a man who is sent overseas to serve his country," he said, "and when he comes back with a drug addiction, all he gets from the government is promises."

He added ther such addicts are really dangerous, in that unlike most heroin addicts, they have been trained to be aggressive and to be proficient in the use of violence.

Whittenburg also called for tighter controls on the manufacturers of legal, but often abused drugs — amphetamines and barbiturates — and for greater regulation of drug advertising, which he said has contributed to the creation of a drug ethic, the notion that there is a drug for every problem.

Whittenburg, 32, is a former member of the Young Republicans. He is a registered pharmacist and has participated in numerous programs on drug abuse.

# Jim Whittenburg/ Controversy marks tax revolt leade

Brid Bulletin July 20, 1978.
By Charles E. Beggs Associated Press Writer

SALEM. Ore. (AP) - Like Howard Jarvis, Jimmy Dale Whittenburg found a cause that caught on.

As a controversial figure, the tall, intense driver of Oregon's property tax revolt-bandwagon-butdoes Jarvis-

Jim Whittenburg

Whittenburg, a 39-year-old selfstyled social crusader, has been charged in four Oregon cities and in Idaho with passing bad checks.

-He was acquitted earlier this year of a charge of criminal trespass stemming from an altercation with postal officials in a Portland suburb.

He lives on the road and with friends, giving a Portland post office box as his address. His telephone newering service cut him off. because of an overdue bill

He has the Legislature in turmoil.

tenburg alone could have kept it off Backers of the Whittenburg Turniture store, the Nov. 7 ballot by not filing a signed amendment, which is identical to the He was raised form itemizing contributions and expenses for the initiative campaign. He ended the speculation by signing

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from easing laws against marijuana to abolishing the state-run monopoly on liquor sales

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meeting with Jarvis in Los Angeles. California's overwhelming June ( passage of Jarvis' plan to limit properly laxes to 1 percent of market value brought Whittenburg instant

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He was raised by his mother after his parents were divorced while he was a teen-ager.

He got a bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University in 1963 and received his pharmacists' license n 1964. He was married for five rears, but is now divorced.

Whittenburg has practiced pharmacy in Oregon and Washington, D.C. He was hired by Rep. John Conyers. D-Mich.: on a short-term contract 1973 to write papers on drug law revision, according to Conyers' aide Heidi Napper.

Vernon Whittenburg, who is 63 and semi-retired, says he fully supports the political efforts of his son, who he land and in the Western Oregon said is living mostly on contributions.

"He's working for the people of the

much." Vernon says. "It gripes me that he wants to lower their taxes and they're all sitting back and not chipping in much.

"He doesn't even own a car or a house, so he's got nothing to gain from this work." Vernon says

Vernon says he has paid a few bills for his son, but not many

. "He mostly has to make it on his

Jim. Whittenburg says be joined the tax crusade because his grandmother was burdened by high taxes on her ·Portland house, and Vernon says he may sell his house near Roseburg because of escalating taxes.

"People are sick and tired of it, and now they're ready to put a stop to it." the son savs.

He says he is not interested in cutting off welfare payments and other government help to poor people.

that help people in need." says checks. Whittenburg, who adds he has a brother in Corvallis who receives welfare assistance.

Whittenburg filed 11 other initiative petitions this year. He says he gave up on all but the tax measure.

Some of the others involved personal causes.

One proposal would have required hanks to notify customers by registered mail when accounts are closed

Whittenburg says the charges against him are political harassment and that he has had accounts closed without being notified.

Another initiative he sponsored would have reduced the penalties for negotiating bad checks.

Tuesday he refiled a measure to repeal all state taxes on beer and wine. The taxes bring the state some \$13 million each blennlum, but Whittenoting says beer and wine costs too much in Oregon. He'll try to get the measure on the 1980 hollot

Oregon Gov Bob Straub says be won't grant an Idaho request that Whittenburg be extradited because the charges, while potential felonies in Idaho, would be misdemeanors in The intent is not to cut programs Oregon and involve only \$32 worth of



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### Tax sponsor files financial statement

SALEM. Ore. (AP) - A potential roadblock to a November vote in Oregon on a California-style property tax limit was removed Tuesday when the sponsor filed a financial statement.

Jim Whittenburg's statement of contributions and expenditures which had to be filed in the secretary of state's office by Aug. 7 to get the measure on the ballot - showed a deficit of \$2,463.

Whittenburg said he would work for the measure's passage.

He had said he would withhold the statement: keeping the measure off the ballot if a special legislative session would pass a substitute measure he agreed with.

But Whittenburg changed his mind. going to meet and exercise leadership hen it's needed

Donna Morgan, elections clerk in the secretary of state's office, said measure off the ballot.

Association, which represents campaigned for Proposition 13, which teachers, said the OEA would provide, was approved June 6. legal help to Jacob Barnes, a retired Portland resident who is considering a suit

No suit has been filed, however Secretary of State Norma Paulus said she expected the legal challenge to be based on typographical errors in copies of the initiative that were attached to petitions.

More than 200,000 persons, three times the required number signed petitions supporting the initiative

direction of the secretary of state, will came close to getting on the ballot. canvass 10 percent of the signatures to see if the signers are registered voters. The canvass must be completed by Monday.

The measure, if passed, would limit property taxes to 1.5 percent of assessed value, roll back assessments to 1975 levels and limit assessment increases to 2 percent annually except when property is reassessed after a

State budget analysts say it could reduce property tax revenue to local governments by \$375 million or 42 percent

Attorney General Jim Redden said Tuesday his stall would not have answers to 53 questions about the Oregon proposal until Aug. 15. a few days before legislators plan to hold a conference to discuss strategy should the measure pass. The questions were asked by legislators and legislative employees .

Whillenburg's report showed ex-

lodging and travel. He listed nine An official of the Oregon Education motel bills in California, where he

> Among his contributions were \$400 from lawyer Donald Coult. of Crants Pass. \$100 from Wendell Halseth of Estacada, \$75 from Ray Phillips of Portland and \$100 from Phil McAlmond of Portland.

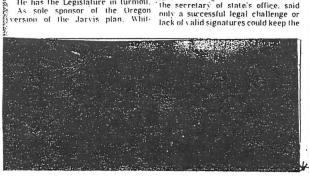
Whittenburg filed another initiative petition Tuesday for the 1980 election. It would abolish - \$13 million in biennial beer and wine taxes and is similar to one of the nine petitions he -filed this year. Except for the County elections officials, under property tax limit, none of the others

### Water systems fail to meet standards

PORTLAND (AP) - Four of 30 water systems checked in Clackamas. County last week failed to meet tederal standards for microbiological quality, said Donald C. Gipe, coordinator of the Environmental Protection Agency's Oregon drinking water program

The four, all in the Mount Hood area, are Alder Creek Barlow Alder Creek (Country Club): Salmon Valley Water Co. and Sleepy Hollow

Gipe recommended that users from the two Alder Creek systems boil the water prior to use because of gross hacteriological contamination-





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# or student power

In the days of the campus riots, students were urged to work within the system instead of fighting it. Oregon college students took that advice to heart and it has paid off in big ways.

At the recently completed legislative session, the student lobby won approval of all but one of the bills it backed. And the one it wanted most was signed into law by Gov. Bob Straub this week.

Straub approved the bill permitting students to participate in labor contract negotiations between faculty and colleges despite opposition from his own staff.

The student lobby deserves all of the credit for getting the bill through the legislature and much of the credit for persuading Straub to sign it into law.

We objected to the bill on grounds students should not be granted special status. Instead, contract talks of all governments and their agencies should be open to all taxpayers.

But student power won out, and we admire them for proving that the system can be responsive if you get organized and push it hard enough. (Bebout)

THE ASSOCIATED OREGON STUDENT LOBBY REPRESENTS THE STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENTS OF EASTERN OREGON STATE COLLEGE, OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, OREGON STATE LIKIN/EDSITY DODTI AND STATE LIKIN/EDSITY COLITILEDA ODSCONI

meet state requirements for sanitation water quality and kitchen facilities,

The Forest Service, however, issued a special use permit, and it would be up to U.S. Attorney Sidney Lezak in

He said his decision was not influenced by the threat of a demonstration by Rainbow Family members should family organizers secuted August 1978 pro-

taws are madie for a fine of up to \$10,000. Prosecution, Lasswell said, would have been aimed at organizers Garrick Beck of Drain and Don "Freedom Driggers of New Mexico, who applied for the permit.

# hittenburg favors egislative action x refo

PORTLAND (UPI) - Jim Whitten burg/sponsor of the proposed property tax limit initiative, said today legislative action on a tax limit is what he had in hold all along.

Whittenberg said he was pleased that some law makers were preparing to call for a special session of the Legislature to deal with the property tax limit

to deal with the property tax limit

He said he filed the initiative measure, based on the recently passed California-Proposition 13, as a spur to

the Legislature to act.

"I don't know anything about takes,"

Whittenburg said. "I'm a lobbyist on social issues. We needed some vehicle—we knew would get passed in Oregon" to prod legislators to deal with rising property taxes.

He said he would agree to a plan-proposed Monday by Sen. Walter F

Brown, D-Lake Oswego, for a tax limit of 1 percent of assessed value on residential property and a 3 percent limit on commercial property. Brown said his plan would more equitably distribute property tax relief while protecting local governments from massive revenue losses.

The proposed initiative would limit taxes on all property to 1.5 percent of the current assessed value with a new valuation used as the base only when property is sold. Critics of the proposal claim that would shift a growing portion of the property tax to residential property because homes are sold

more often than businesses

That was one objection of Senate resident Jason Boe to the initiative, "Homes are sold every six years on the average. he said. How often do you sell an electric company, sell a railroad or sell a lumber mill?

Boe also said that any proposal in which commercial property was treated differently from single family homes could mean a greater burden for renters, who would find the higher commercial rate included in their rent.
Whittenburg said he believes that,

with the Brown formula as a basis, "we

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### Inside today

Rockefeller

John D. Rockefeller III, 72,

and sky est s efeller prothers, died in a New York auto crash. Page 3. Zodiac

A San Francisco homicide A San Francisco nomicide

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# special session tax measure

ROSEBURG (UPI) - Rep. Al Shaw, R-Roseburg, said in a telephone interview Monday he is opposed to a special session of the Legislature to

consider a property tax limitation plan. Shaw, who describes himself as being one of the few Oregon legislators who are "up front" with their support of the initiative modeled after California's Proposition 13, Said he can't support a special session because the people have spoken. There are 201 000 signatures of people who say they want thou the ballot.

tin Whittenburg sponsor of the process, caused a furor this week when he said he had been approached និស្សាវិទ្ធមិញគេស្ថិតនៅប្រែក្នុងប្រែក្នុងស្វាវិទ្ធមិញគ្ន legislative leadership on an alternative

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denied Whitlenburg's announcement. Shaw who pushed for signatures or ile muziye pedions san White

legislature only if it would work to put the property tax limitation plan into the proper form - "aligned with Oregonlaw

The initiative sponsored by Witten burg is virtually a carbon copy of Galitocopa's Prop. 13 and some critices have claimed it would be unworkable because of differences between Oregon and California tax-laws.

Shaw also criticized an Oregon law Shaw also criticized an Oregon law that requires the sponsors of an initiative petition to sign a contributions and expenditures report so far Whitenburg has falled to sign the report, and until he does—he has until Aug. 4—the petitions will not be valid—14 think it's kind of ridiculous that the will of the people can be thwarted by one person. Shaw said "I think hat's a low that needs to be changed and all make that proposal to changed.

Shaw said he believes Whittenburg will sign the report however.

# Oregon ournal opinion

# Viewing the '70s

an experience in learning how to cope within limits. The decade was fluid with change as the state's population expanded by almost 500,000 persons while the political arenas were filled with battles over the consequences of growth - environmental legislation, land use laws, energy-saving proposals, freeway versus mass transit confrontations and pleas for tax relief.

Transportation planners began the decade with maps filled with future freeways. But it was proponents of mass transit who found funds for new urban bus lines. Tri-Met flourished and took over two downtown Portland streets. By decade's end federal funds from two approved-but-never-built freeways the Mount Hood and I-505 in Northwest Portland - were being diverted to light rail projects on

Energy and transportation became twin themes. A restructured. state Department of Transportation replaced the Highway Department and its commission as the key state wide planning agency for roads and transit. A new state Department of Energy emerged.

Portland's East and West sides.

It was appropriate that the city of Portland's dominant figure of the decade, Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, joined the president's Cabinet as transportation secretary.

The decade also saw a revitalization of Portland's downtown and neighborhoods. Solar homes appeared and energy conservation be tenburg. Al Ullman, Mark Hatfield came a key ingredient in building construction.

Private utilities fought to build two new nuclear plants at Pebble Springs while Portland General Electric had to protect its Trojan plant from protesters who wanted to decommission it. The investorowned utilities yearned for a regional energy bill, blocked in Congress at year's end by public power interests.

For Oregonians, the 1970s were timber and home-building industries moving into slumps, still the victims of national monetary policy. The state still gulps for breath every time the Federal Reserve Board squeezes credit, but one could argue. that timber's domination of Oregon's economy has ended or certainly lessened as the economy diversified.

> Economic development became political code words meaning everything from jobs for Oregon's youth, realistic profits for business to a negative reaction to environ-

mental protections.
Gov. Tom McCall) easily the state's dominant figure of the decade, preached environmental protection so loudly that the whole nation heard him. During his eightyear administration Oregon pio-neered the bottle bill, billboard removal and land use legislation. Perhaps a good example of how to live within environmental and economic limits came as grass seed farmers may have ended a decade-long fight for the right to burn grass stubble. An-cocommodation-now-permits- space. large amounts of burning but on a limited number of summer days.

But McCall's main contribution was to instill a sense of pride, of state's righteousness, that told us Oregon was one of the best places to live and we had a mandate to protect it.

New names found political prominence — Les Aucoin, Jim Weaver, Jason Boe and Jim Whitand Bob Packwood developed new muscle for the state in Congress. The careers of Bob Straub and Bob Duncan saw a resurgence. Betty Roberts and Norma Paulus personified the growing power of women in politics. Wayne Morse died. Vic. Ativeh rode a property tax revolt into the governor's office.

The decade saw great growth in legislative power. Individual offices, an increase in staff and new The end of 1979 saw Oregon's hearing rooms in an expanded Capi-

tol underlined the equalization of power between the executive and legislative branches.

Inflation spawned such hersh effects that a tax revolt erupted over skyrocketing home valuation and higher taxes. State and local governments grew, despite efforts by many to curtail them, and it was inflated state income taxes that permitted the Legislature to send large amounts of property tax relief to homeowners and renters without

curtailing programs.
The 1971 Legislature approved a \$794 million general fund budget. went home but was recalled to cut the budget because of lower revenues than anticipated. The 1979 Legislature passed a \$3 billion-plus general fund budget and watched warily to make sure the state could afford it.

The nation learned its limits of power in Vietnam and at the Watergate Apartments. Oregon stretched and strained, leading the search for ways to live and prosper within limits on energy, growth and living

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For months I have been writing and rewriting this essay in my mind, seeking the best way to express my revulsion at the entire tax limitation characle and the I'm-mad-as-hell-and-I'm-not-going-to-take-it-anymore impulses of citizens who would support either measure 6 or measure \$11 against their own interests. I had been putting it down to incomprehensible ignorance and selfishness, and the last cut fever is fed by both, but until I interviewed Jimmy Dale Whittenburg) I think I was missing the point.

(Whittenburg) who gave us Ballot Measure 16, understands his nay saying constituency. They're frightened, the says. They're frightened at seeing things happening out there that they have no control over."

Measure 66, as a matter of fact, destroys local control and creates more dependence on the state and federal governments, it robs the poor to give to the rich in a dozen ways. I have been drawing up lists of urgent reasons to vote against to. They go on for pages; it has become a horribly fascinating game. Ballot Measure 411-won't create the came kind of chaos; it will simply abolish the creative aspect of government and set the legislature to the permanent 

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# THREE CHURCHES SCRAMBLE TO WELCOME KOSOVARS

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Page: A01 GWENDA RICHARDS OSHIRO of the Oregonian Staff

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Summary: Presbyterian, United Methodist and Seventh-day Adventist congregations will work together

Westminster Presbyterian Church began helping refugees in the 1960s, sponsoring at least one family a year -- from Indonesia, Pakistan, Poland, Laos, Vietnam, Ethiopia, South Africa, Russia and Ukraine.

After a six-year break, the church's 810 members decided they must help again -- this time, refugees from Kosovo.

"To a person, they were overwhelmed with a sense of wanting to do something to help these people who have been so brutalized by the war in their country," said Paul Shirey, chairman of Westminster's outreach ministries committee and coordinator for its refugee efforts.

Westminster is one of three Northeast Portland churches selected this week by Ecumenical Ministries' Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees to host the organization's first Kosovar refugees.

Westminster, Metanoia Peace Community and Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church will join forces to provide homes and care for 11 refugees expected to arrive within a couple of weeks, said Teri Ruch, spokeswoman for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Other Portland relief organizations also are expecting refugees. Catholic Charities has been told to expect at least 60 refugees on short notice during the next two to three months. And Lutheran Family Services has been told by its national headquarters to prepare for refugees, too.

SOAR's first wave of refugees is an extended family ranging in age from 2 to 73, Ruch said. Four will stay in the home of a Westminster member, and seven will stay in a home connected to Metanoia, part of the United Methodist denomination. Stone Tower will sponsor two of those seven.

Other churches and organizations will help, Ruch said, including the American Muslim Family Services, whose assistance will be particularly important because the refugees likely will be Muslim.

The heartbreak of ethnic Albanians forced to flee their homes touched the churches and prompted them to volunteer.



"You look at situations like Kosovo, and say 'It's an overwhelming problem, how can we possibly help?' " Shirey said. "But we can, in fact, step forward to help when people have no other place to turn. That's part of God's work."

This will be the first time that the tiny 35-member Metanoia church has formally sponsored refugees, said the Rev. John Schwiebert, although some members have helped newcomers in the past.

The church's ministry centers on hospitality, and its congregation meets in a house where some of its members live.

"Hospitality is the center of our life," he said. "We're a group of people who live together, and when we can, and when we have the space, we invite people to live with us for a time because they have a need."

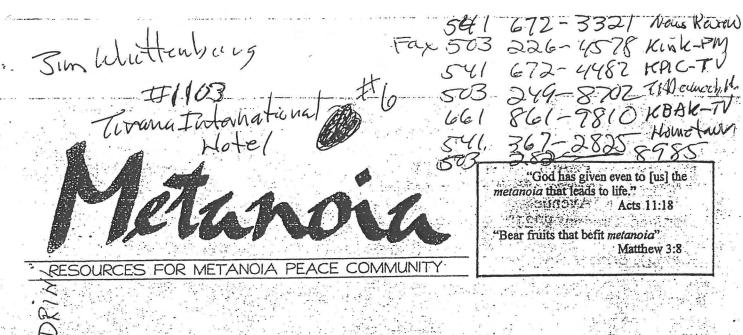
The Rev. Phil Shultz of Stone Tower said his nearly 500 members include many who have come to this country from other places -- Tonga, the Philippines, South Africa, Ukraine -- and know what it's like to make a new life.

"Many of these people have been refugees in the sense they've come to America . . . very destitute and in need of a helping hand, and they, in turn, want to help now," he said.

"We thought we would be eighth in line for this," <u>said Jim Whittenburg</u>, a <u>semi-retired pharmacist</u> who is <u>coordinating preparations at Metanoia</u>. "We thought we'd be able to go to school. Now we've found out that we're in the first wave, and we've had to mobilize." You can reach Gwenda Richards Oshiro at 503-221-8219 or by e-mail at grichardsoshiro@news.oregonian.com.

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### Welcome To The Arifi Family

After nearly three weeks in Portland, the members of the Arifi family are no longer strangers to those of us actively involved in Metanoia's hastily assembled refugee resettlement project.

But for those who haven't met our new friends, recently arrived from Kosovo, introductions are in order.

Oldest in the extended family of eleven are Sherif and Meradie. They have four adult children, Sabrie and Avni, who are single and Remzi and Hajredin who are married. (Remzi and Avni are twins!) With Remzi is his wife Mirvete, and accompanying Hajredin are his wife Nexhmie and their children Merita, 8, Liridona, almost 4, and Liridon, almost 2.

The eleven, who are ethnically Albanian, arrived in Portland June 8 after spending about 6 weeks in refugee camps in Macedonia and New Jersey. They had earlier been forced to leave the homes in Kosovo because of the war.

Sponsorship of the family is being shared by three congregations. Westminster Presbyterian Church is sponsoring Sherif, Meradie, Sabrie and Avni. They are living temporarily in the home of a church member near NE 28th and Alameda.

The other seven are living in the Tillamook House. Stone Tower Seventh-Day Adventist Church is sponsoring Remzi and Mirvete. Metanoia is sponsoring Hajredin. Nexhmie and the three children. Together, volunteers from the three churches are helping to connect the Arifis with social services, language classes and employment opportunities so that they may become self-sufficient as soon as possible. They are also working with the family to locate three units of permanent, affordable housing in the city of Portland. Family members have expressed the desire to live in the inner city of Portland, not all in the same house, but within walking distance of each other.

The Arifi family comes from Gilan, a city of about 160,000 persons located a short distance from Kosovo's capital city of Pristina. The men of the family are skilled in construction and carpentry and hope to find employment in this field.

### Special Thanks to Jim Whittenburg

We are grateful to Jim Whittenburg for the considerable work he has contributed toward helping to launch the current Kosovo refugee project. It was Jim who attended to initial meeting hosted by SOAR, and who came to Metanoia with the idea of having our congregation become a sponsor. Then Jim led us through the weeks of preparation, recruiting volunteers and soliciting donations, getting the Tillamook House ready, coordinating efforts with the other congregations, arranging for translators, and being a welcoming presence for the Arifi family upon their arrival at the Tillamook House

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# 2 Portlanders are bound for battle-torn Kosovo

Yvonne Simmons will distribute aid, and Jim Whittenburg will look for a refugee family's relatives

By ROGER ANTHONY THE OREGONIAN

Two Portland residents with different humanitarian missions will be leaving for the Balkans this

Yvonne Simmons, a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will be leaving July 18 for four months, during which she will help distribute aid

Jim Whittenburg, who helped settle a family of Kosovar refugees in Portland last month, planned to depart Saturday in an attempt to locate some of the family's rela-

Both have done their own fund-

raising for their trips.

For Simmons, the trip will be her fifth "peace journey" in seven years, though her first to Kosovo.

On past trips, she has done volun-teer workin Bosnia and Croatia.

While the region is at peace for the moment, Simmons is never-theless expecting to find a conten-tious atmosphere when she ar-nives to the recent settlement is a volviously not going to wipe away years of resentment between Serbs and Kosovars. In addition, Simmons said, there may be divisions among the Kosovars.

When she visited Bosnia, she said, "People who stayed in the country were resentful of the people who left And resole who came

ple who left. And people who came from the rural areas and can't go back often find themselves in conflict with the urbanites."

She also pointed out that the settlement will allow Kosovars more time to reflect on what has

Crashes stir debate

# Interstat

A Coast Guard proposal aims to reduce vehicle traffic delays caused by opening the spans

By BILL STEWART THE OREGONIAN

A new U.S. Coast Guard posal would streamline rule opening the Interstate Bridge force boaters to call ahead.

Bridge openings have be sore point between motorise boaters for some time be each bridge lift can cause jams and long delays.

Existing rules distinguish tween commercial and re tional vessels in saying who

can lose your identity." Simmons will be bringing goods with her that have been donated by Northwest residents. In addition, she'll be packing along something to help put idle hands to

happened. "We talk about there being a 'just settlement,' but how

can there be justice for someone who has lost 19 people in a family?

and then into hatred and revenge

That pain turns into blame ...

Still, the situation should be

more tranquil than her last trip to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia. "I was there for nine months last time, working with Northwest Medical Teams and trying to gethelp into Bosnia. I got stuck in Sarajevo There was no water no gas

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no electricity and hardly any food.

time, and you always had to think

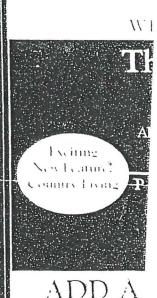
of the safest ways to go someplace. It made me realize how much you

"People were shooting all the

"I have my own cottage indus-try," she explained. "I take over yarn and knitting needles, and the women make the most wonderful slipper-socks. Then I buy them back from them so they have some

money."
Whittenburg helped welcome the 11-member Arifi family when they arrived in Portland early last month after two months in refugee camps. Saturday morning he planned to leave on a flight that will take him to Tirana, Albania. From there, he and several Albanians will enter Kosovo in search of the family's in-laws.

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# SLOW DOWN

WHY DOESN'T CITY HALL CARE?





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But Miller and the City Council repeatedly promised the project would not cost more than \$195 million. "Let's put a stake in the ground," Miller said.

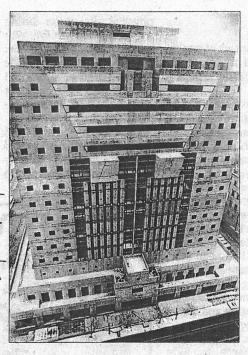
Portland will issue 20-year bonds to pay for the project. Based on a previous \$175 million estimate, the city would owe \$12.9 million in annual debt payments, with the money coming from the general fund and rent checks from city bureaus.

In a separate decision, the City Council approved a plan to spread the cost of the building across most city bureaus in the downtown area and not just the ones Maurice Rahming, president with offices in the building. The new rates would go into effect no later than 2021.

The biggest controversy centered on a proposal to dedicate 1 percent of the construction costs to providing opportunities for minority and women contractors.

Members of the Equitable Contractors & Purchasing Commission, formed in February, asked the City Council to delay a vote.

"We need more time," said



**Building was** designed by architect Michael Graves and built for \$25 million starting in 1982. Portlandia was installed in 1985.

The Portland

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of O'Neill Electric, saying the commission didn't know how the council settled on 1 percent or how the money would be spent.

But the council narrowly approved the proposal, promising to work with the commission to discuss how the money, estimated at \$1 mil-

lion, would be spent.

The City Council approved spending \$3.75 million during the current budget year to start design and engineering work, as well as

\$2.3 million for project costs.

The 15-story Portland Building was designed by architect Michael Graves, who died in March; it was built for \$25 million starting in 1982. The Portlandia statue sits atop the building's entrance at 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave.

Jen Clodius, Office of Management & Finance spokeswoman, said the city doesn't plan to move Portlandia.

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# It's no mistak tax bills just c

By Dana Tims

The Oregonian/OregonLive

Nearly 200,000 property tax statements, seeking a cumulative increase of up to 5 percent over what was collected last year, will be mailed to Washington County residents in the next few days.

That's considerably above the 3 percent cap approved by Oregon voters, which has Rich Hobernicht, Washington County's assessor, expecting a flood of calls from residents asking for explanations or wanting to file appeals.

In a word, he said, it's complicated.

"Many people have the understanding that taxes can't go up by more than 3 percent," Hobernicht said. "But it's important to understand there's an awful lot going on here."

This year's statements seek total property-tax payments of \$963 million. That's an increase of \$47 million - or 5.1 percent - over last year. The money pays for county government services, neighborhood services provided by cities and special districts, education, and regional services, which include TriMet, Metro and the Port of Portland.

The majority of the county's 192,000 residential tax accounts - 171,000 in total - will climb this year when compared with last year's bills. Of those, 155,000 accounts will reflect tax increases up to 5 percent, with 16,000 accounts increasing by more than 5 percent.

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# PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION REQUEST Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date:
Today's Date Tan 4th
Name Jim Whittenburg, N.Ph.
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- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication."
   Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Jim Whittenburg, R.Ph. to address Council regarding Yard Apartments development fees, MACG agreement Portland Building (Communication)

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