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# State Board approves budget reduction proposals

Tuition increases could make higher education inaccessible

By MICHAEL KELLEY

of the Summer Barometer

Access to universities and colleges in the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) will be hurt as a result of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education's decision to

The board authorized OSSHE to proceed time equivalency positions. with plans for a 20 percent reduction in state funding for higher education during the 1993-95 biennium. The reductions, a result of Measure 5, represent a decrease of \$152 million from a total General Fund budget of \$760 mil-

In addition, the system will lose 1,600 posi-

OSU will lose 440 positions in administrative

The Board also authorized the Chancellor to complete the budget with an assumption of a access is going to suffer," said Weldon Ihrig, 15 percent tuition increase for each of the two years of the next biennium. If this plan is implemented, student fees will fund more than 40 percent of the cost of undergraduate education at OSSHE institutions

In the fall of 1992, OSU students will be paying \$2,721 a year for tuition - an increase of

Undergraduate students would pay \$3,100 a year in 1993 and \$3,500 in 1994. In addition, the Board authorized the Chancellor to set tuition for some of the professional schools at different, steeper rates

In addition to regular tuition, OSU's College

more, which is a 100 percent increase.

"As we increase tuition at this magnitude, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Ihrig said financial aid and private fund raising could help, but it would probably not make up for all the expected cuts in enrollment.

Chancellor Thomas Bartlett said, "We have to respond to state processes, we have to go ahead and do this dastardly deed.

In a public hearing before the Board, Brad Fields, ASOSU president, said the big part of the mission for education is to provide access.

"As a result of Measure 5 access to education is threatened," Fields said.

## Touche!



Fuzhong Li instructs Philip Thoennes, freshman in pre-engineering, on the use of sabers during the OSU Fencing Club's specialty class on sabers Tuesday afternoon.

# Legislature rejects tax plan; can't agree on election date

Associated Press

SALEM - The Oregon Legislature's move to adjourn its one-day special session stalled Wednesday when Senate Democrats tried to revive at least a part of Gov. Barbara Roberts' tax plan after its defeat in the House.

The House voted the package down 33-26 and failed to reconsider it, killing the measure that included a 3.5 percent sales tax

The House then voted to adjourn the session. But the Senate failed to go along, and the chamber's Democrats met in caucus to try to draft a sales tax authorization measure that

would go on the ballot. The state constitution requires that rev-

could be first passed by the Senate if, for ballot.

example, it just authorized or limited a sales tax, said Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene.

The constitution also forbids each house from adjourning for more than three days without the consent of the other. A Senate refusal to adjourn would force the House back into session no later than Saturday.

House Speaker Larry Campbell, R-Eugene in an exchange with Kerans in the Senate aisle during a recess, said the House would return "if you want to carry out this charade to its ultimate.

The House is controlled 32-28 by the Republicans. Ten Democrats joined 23 Republicans in defeating the governor's plan.

A major hurdle was that Roberts wanted a enue-raising measures originate in the House. mail election Sept. 15, and Campbell insisted But some senators believe a ballot measure the measure be on the Nov. 3 general election

# Supreme Court rules that states may restrict abortion

WASHINGTON - A divided Supreme Court ruled Monday that states cannot ban most abortions, upholding the core of its Roe vs. Wade decision. But the court said the states may raise new hurdles for women seeking to end their pregnancies.

The court, by a 5-4 vote, said women have a constitutional right to abortion. But a separate 7-2 coalition of justices substantially weakened the right as defined by the 1973 landmark ruling

Dramatically concluding its 1991-92 term, the court upheld most provisions of a restrictive Pennsylvania abortion law.

Crowds of abortion-rights advocates and foes filled the plaza of the Supreme Court building for the court's latest, but surely not its last, word on this most divisive and emotional of national issues.

The decision not to abandon Roe vs. Wade was written by three conservative justices -Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy and, in his first vote on abortion since appointed by President Bush, David S. Souter.

The other Bush appointee, Justice Clarence Thomas, was one of the four who voted to let states outlaw virtually all abortions.

Advocates on both sides of the debate voiced some disappointment with the ruling. But from a court that had seemed on the verge of abandoning Roe vs. Wade, the decision had a bigger sting for anti-abortion forces.

mun, author of the 1973 decision, to write, fate is quite dim.'

ness to fall, the flame has grown bright."

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley predicted Congress would pass legislation to enact an undiluted version of Roe vs. Wade into law. The House Judiciary Committee begins working on that Tuesday. But Foley conceded supporters lack the two-thirds majority needed to overturn a veto by President Bush, who opposes abortion.

Bush said he was pleased that most of the Pennsylvania law's provisions were upheld. That law, he said, "supports family values in what is perhaps the most difficult question a family can confront.

Presidential rivals Bill Clinton and Ross Perot reaffirmed their support for abortion rights, with Democrat Clinton declaring that "only the next election can preserve" such

Abortion opponents are certain to press the 50 states to enact stronger restrictions on women seeking abortions.

James Bopp, general counsel for the National Right to Life Committee, said of Monday's ruling, "It's a major defeat. Under this ruling, there's no outlawing of abortion at all, and for so many that's the big one. We lost 95 percent today.

Noting that such states as Louisiana and Utah have passed much more stringent laws

The outcome led Justice Harry A. Black- that ban most abortions, Bopp said, "Their said, "We are much worse than we have been

But Kathryn Kolbert, the Center for Reproductive Law lawyer who argued the Pennsylvania case in behalf of Planned Parenthood.

in the past.

The decision was controlled by O'Connor Kennedy and Souter, who in an extraordinary

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# OSU: Abortion advising remains

By CYNTHIA DOUGLAS

of the Summer Barometer

OSU women will be able to receive information and advice regarding abortion from Student Health Services as long as current as possible and see where she is emotionally Oregon law remains unchanged.

But because of the Supreme Court's may be curtailed.

The Court ruled that states could place establish a support system. restrictions on abortion, but none that would ity to obtain an abortion.

Dr. Jayne Ackerman, director of Student and counseling women about abortion as unsafe "back alley" abortions. any other medical facility.

The first step, she said, is to confirm that choice background.

the woman is actually pregnant. After that fact has been established, all options, including abortion, adoption and keeping the child, are discussed fully

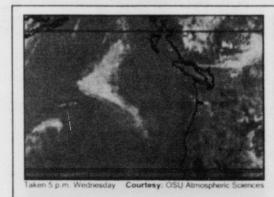
"We try to answer her questions as fully on that issue," Ackerman said.

If the woman chooses to terminate her recent abortion ruling, which returned the pregnancy, the health center will refer her power to restrict abortion to the state, the to several sources, depending on her geoavailability of that information and advice graphic preference. The care givers at the health center also try to help the woman

Even if state laws are made more restricplace an "undue burden" on a woman's abil- tive, women will still have abortions, Acker-

In the past, Ackerman said, women have Health Services, said that OSU's health ceneither gone to great expense and distance to ter follows the same procedure in advising get safe abortions, or have opted for illegal,

Ackerman said Oregon has a strong pro-



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## On the inside

Murphy makes another pass Students help out

Eddie Murphy, of Beverly scenes, is a winner. See page 7. House. See page 6.

Peter Ruggiero is one of many Hills Cop fame, tries his luck OSU students and Corvallis citiagain this summer with Boom- zens who help serve dinner to erang, a role-reversal romance homeless and less fortunate peoalso starring Robin Givins. The ple. The program, Stone Soup, is movie, while contrived in some operated out of Westminster



Peter Ruggiero

## Measure 5 cuts slam the door on Horner Museum

Logging wheels outside Gill Coliseum identify Horner Museum. Professor John B. Horner combined many private collections to form the museum thousands enjoy every year. Unless sufficient operating money is found, the museum is scheduled to close next year.

> Story by Bryan Curb Photos by Ashish Gupta

cerned about things like acquiring artifacts or working with her persed, it's impossible to replace them.' graduate students. But lately she's had considerably more impending worries

On June 8, she was told that the 67-year-old museum may be closed as a result of OSU's budget reductions in response to

The possible closure was announced as part of \$23 million in budget cuts throughout campus for the 1993-95 budget. While announcing the reduction, OSU President John Byrne stressed that they are, for now, only recommendations and might be changed later by the State Board of Higher Education.

Despite this, Skielstad said that "for our planning purposes, we have to consider the closure definite.'

For the staff of the museum, this means preparing for the worst. "We're gearing up to insure that all record-keeping is in order in case we do close," Skjelstad said.

She added that "this kind of inventory is difficult and expensive. We're making sure that each artifact has a record attached to it, and some of the records from the old days are really hard to quantify.'

The staff of the museum is also spending time developing ways to avert the effects of the cuts, or at least lessen the blow. A campaign has been undertaken to make the public aware of the situation, and to encourage them to help voice the importance of the museum to the community.

"It's important for everyone to know what's going on," Skjelstad said. "It's hard for those outside of the museum to understand the effect we have on hundreds of schoolchildren, families and foreign students among others.'

She added that over 60,000 people take advantage of the museum's offerings each year.

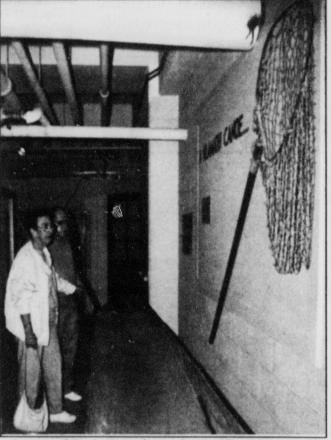
According to Byrne, the university is looking to trim \$6 million in administration costs. Of these, an estimated \$114,000 annually is spent on the museum. Additionally, \$25,000 is provided in federal money, \$5,000 in membership donations, \$5,000 in endowments, and \$3,000 to \$5,000 in tour receipts.

"Our concern is primarily for the collections," Skjelstad said. We can all get other jobs, but the artifacts are fairly helpless. If we leave without taking care of them, I don't know who else will. That's our priority - making sure that the collections are used for the purposes they were donated for."

Horner Museum Director Lucy Skjelstad is usually con-resource," she said. "If these collections are destroyed or dis-

One of the museum's first priorities is to get on the list of academically-related programs that will allow the museum to be reinstated if money should become available. Historically, the museum has been funded under university administration. Skjelstad stressed that the museum's mission is educational.

"I have some hopes that some kind of alternative can be found to total closure, but I have to be realistic and face the possibility that it's going to happen," she said.



James and Doris Tryon learn about a Klamath canoe. The Skjelstad compared dispersing the artifacts to cutting down canoe, which is carved out of a single tree trunk, was found in



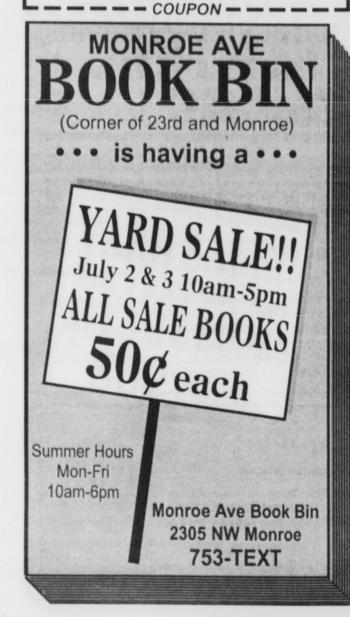
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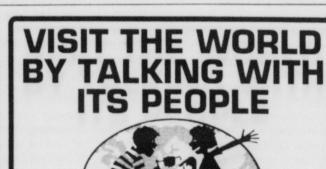
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OSU's 1992 Pac-10 Champion wresting team will be led into action by a new coach, Joe Wells, for its upcoming season. Wells, 44, will bring to OSU a wide range of wrestling experience and association with winning wrestling programs.

His collegiate coaching career includes 13 years as assistant wrestling coach at the University of Michigan and four years as an assistant at University of Iowa, his alma

The new coach will move into a wrestling program at OSU that has enjoyed much recent success, including a 11-1-1 record in 1992 and last year's Pac-10 Championship. All-Americans Babak Mohammadi and Trent Flack will be returning to the Beaver's squad next year as OSU tries to repeat as confer-

In his years of coaching, Wells said he has developed a hands-on coaching style that stresses good communication.

"Coaching is a process," he said

He said fairness and consistent treatment of athletes are crucial. Wells also emphasized the the importance of academics for wrestlers at OSU. Recognizing that there is no possibility for pro athletics for wrestlers, Wells said athletes must look for other career

year Wells stressed the need for balance at all weight classes.

He said he regarded conference powerhouse Arizona State as posing the stiffest threat to the Beav's bid for another Pac-10 crown. The new coach indicated that there would be stiff competition among team members, and that some athletes may be asked to redshirt

In the past eight years he has also committed part of his coaching talents to various international efforts by American wresting teams. This has included coaching for the Junior World Team and for the 1990 USA Wrestling Team, which placed second at the World Championships in Tokyo. Wells also has coached for exchange teams that have travelled to the Soviet Union to competed against some of the best Soviet wrestlers.

Wells has been able to draw from a successful wrestling career of his own at the University of Iowa where he was twice a winner at the Big 10 Championships. He also competed in the 1976 USA Olympic Trials and placed second at a the famous Tibilisi tournament in

Regardless of the competition, Beaver wrestling appears to be in good hands, as Joe Wells and the OSU wrestlers will try to keep from getting taken down from atop the Pac-10

# Free speech protected at OSU

The Summer Barometer

An OSU administrator said the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling declaring "hate crime" statutes a violation of free speech won't affect OSU policy.

On June 21 the Supreme Court ruled 9-0 against a St. Paul, MN ordinance that prohibited cross burning and other forms of expressed racial bias on the grounds that such expression is guaranteed by the First Amend-

Stephanie Sanford, OSU director of Affirmative Action, said she doesn't feel that the Supreme Court ruling will affect OSU policy because it is based on Oregon's constitution, which has a broader interpretation of free speech than even the First Amend-

Sanford said protection of speech was "paramount" when setting up OSU's policy, and "at first glance (at the court decision), I feel optimistic we have a good policy that

A companion document to the OSU PolicyAgainst Discriminatory Harassment states, "Speech that includes racial, ethnic, or other types of slurs (not accompanied by threats or intimidation) cannot be prohibited by rule or law, but this speech can be effectively countered by 'more speech.' If speech crosses the line into threats or intimidation, however, that speech may be punished as a rule violation and a crime."

The OSU policy itself states, "Some forms of offensive language and behavior may not be subject to sanction; the University is bound to respect and protect rights secured by the Oregon and United States constitutions and principles of academic freedom. To the extent that discriminatory behavior is offensive but not subject to sanction, the University will attempt to use the educational process and (detailed actions) to address the issue or incident."

The complete policy is listed in the Student Conduct Regulations in the Schedule

# IM team sports begin next week

for teams are due today in the Intramural Course. Sports Office 2 p.m.

Intramural action starts next week with July 17 and August 7, the IM office will host a volleyball being played on Monday and Tues- tennis singles tournament. The IM office will day, July 6 and 7. Softball starts starts Tues- also host a golf tournament, both 18 and nine day, Wednesday and Thursday. Entry forms hole games, July 31 at Trysting Tree Golf

For more information and entry forms, Intramurals is also offering a 5k run at please contact the Intramural Office in Lang-

Avery Park Thursday July 9 at 5:15 p.m. On ton Hall room 125 or call 737-4083.

### BUDGET, from page 1

To Rescue College Education (SOURCE) said that the state is losing its brightest commodity.

"College is becoming an unattainable dream for minorities, single parents and older than nary approval on the budget for the State Sysaverage students," Palmer said.

"What are we going to do with young people if we can't educate them?" asked Lyn Stone, vice president of Oregon Public Employees Union 089, Portland State University

Bartlett, responding to the public hearing from the veterinary community to save the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

compelling arguments, but we have long since able and devastating. passed cutting programs that we don't need," Bartlett said.

Loren D. Koller, professor and dean of vetprogram at OSU reaches beyond the boundaries of the state.

"The college contributes to the Oregon economy \$118 million to \$215 million a year," Koller begin giving terminal contract notices to those said.

OSU President John Byrne said if there are consequence of the 20 percent reductions.

Scott Palmer, president of Students United any add-backs the veterinary school would be their first priority.

Bob Adams, a member of the Board, said the Board is giving the Chancellor's office prelimitem of Higher Education.

"It (making cuts) is not what we really want

Adams also said there has to be some kind of tax restructuring done for Oregon.

"If nothing good happens before next sum before the Board, said there were strong pleas mer, higher education will be down the tubes," Adams said.

Bonnie Staebler, president of the Interinsti-"They were numerous, compassionate and tutional Faculty Senate said the cuts are unten-

> "They translate into absolute destruction on our campuses," she said.

Staebler implored the Board to send a strong erinary medicine at OSU, said the veterinary message to the legislature that there is no fat to cut from the existing budget by not endorsing the proposed cuts.

> The Board also authorized the OSSHE to employees likely to lose their positions as a

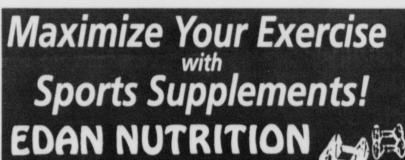


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# Snooping alive in American society

So now the biggest political issue is not the wheezing economy, danger in our streets, taxes, or even J. Danforth Quayle's favorite: why unwed young ladies don't keep their legs

No, the big issue is snooping, with President Bush and his flunkies wailing and moaning that Ross Perot is peeking in their keyholes.

They are warning us that if we are demented enough to elect Perot, he could turn into another Hitler, with the FBI, the CIA, the IRS and maybe the local Meter Maids peering through our windows and kicking down our doors.

We don't want that, do we? Of course not, because Americans have a high regard for privacy. At least their own. However, they really aren't that concerned about the privacy of others, which is why gossip magazines, tabloids and TV shows

But let us consider who America's biggest busybodies are. Is Ross Perot really one of them?

True, he is alleged to have snooped George Bush, when Bush was vice president. And Bush's sons. Although Bush says he is now shocked, shocked, he didn't sound that way when Perot slipped him info on his kids. In fact, Bush sent a warm letter, saying Perot was a friend, and thanking him for his thoughtfulness

So if Perot is a snoop, he's not big-time. He's nothing but a hotel house dick compared to the biggest prying eye listening

That title, of course, belongs to the federal government, of which George Bush has been a part for much of his adult life.

## Mike Royko

We have Internal Revenue, poking into our finances, making up the rules as they go along. And Rule One is that you are guilty until you prove yourself innocent, which is almost impossible, since their rules border on the incoherent.

If you're in business, there are all sorts of federal agencies looking over your shoulder, telling you who you can hire and who you can't fire. If you tell employees not to snore while sleeping on the job, you will wind up being stared down by a lumpish bureaucrat who will ask you whether you wish to plead guilty to cruelty, insensitivity, bigotry, mopery, or all of

Unless you have always lived out of a shopping bag and slept on a street-grate, you're in a federal file somewhere. And with computers, the government is gobbling up more and more information.

After the federal government, the biggest snoop is the news industry. Which is kind of funny, since the questions being shouted at Perot during his press conference Wednesday (June 24) were from chronic snoopers demanding to know whether or not he is or is not a snooper. And editorials are now appearing, questioning whether we want a snooper in the White House.

That from an industry that has gone bonkers over what it calls investigative reporting, but is often nothing more than Hall polls. These moribund pundits, however, miss the point. wild-eyed question-shouting and transom-peeking.

Newspapers have always done investigative reporting, although they didn't call it that. It was simply reporting. But they didn't take the position that just because someone was a public figure, he must have done something wrong. And even if he didn't, let's print it anyway.

That changed with Watergate, and Woodward and Bernstein becoming stars of page and screen. Suddenly, journalism schools were crammed with young fame-seekers, eager to get their diploma so they, too, could topple a president, write a best seller, and be played by Redford or Hoffman.

Now they're out there, careerists with their minicams, tape recorders, notebooks and laptops, demanding that Perot confess to charges that he is a snoop, a Peeping Tom, or a porch climber. When they finish that, they'll ask his former employees if they remember him ever biting the heads off live chickens.

The industry that is now editorializing that Perot might be a dangerous peeper is the very same one that thought it was responsible journalism for reporters to stake out a private residence so they could grab Gary Hart when he emerged and ask if he had been doing the dirty deed with a lady to whom he was not wed. And to ask Bill Clinton - even before the blond bimbo surfaced — if he had ever strayed.

Some candidate will become an instant national hero when he responds: "I will answer that question when you tell me if it is true that your anchorwoman has been carrying on with your

As for Perot, if he did snoop Bush's sons (which he denies doing), so what? Somebody should have done it. Then maybe one of Bush's lads wouldn't have ended up as part of the S&L scandal, looking like a well-groomed, white-collar con man.

Not only should Bush have thanked Perot, he should have

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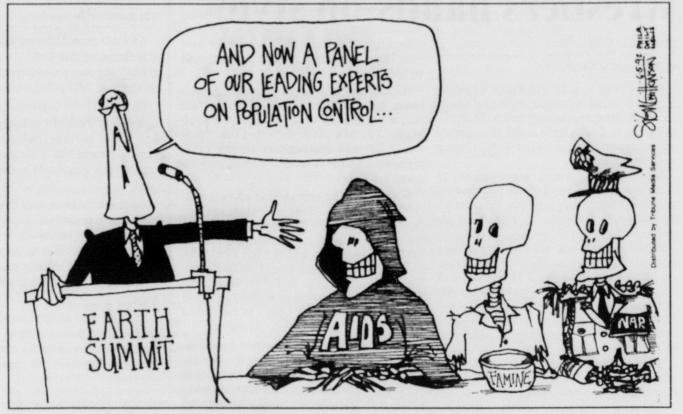
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# Perot's 'Town Hall' short-sighted

By David Jarman and Jason W. Moore

Ross Perot has hit upon the ultimate in typically American bad taste — combining the two most mind-numbing things in the world, politics and television.

Perot has made it clear that he wants to revitalize America's sense of community, mainly by instituting nation-wide interactive "Town Hall" broadcasts. Hailed by supporters as a way to break out of our country's political malaise, Perot's Town Hall is deceptively fashioned to put a new happy face on the ongoing disintegration of democratic process. The problem with the trust. His analysis is, at best, short-sighted. While paying lip service to two decades of economic decline, he fails to build upon that crisis to create any serious program to deal with the ensuing socio-economic deterioration.

Op - Ed

Despite Perot's re-creation of status quo politics with a human face, liberal and even conservative pundits are attacking the Town Hall as either technologically impossible, superficial, or in a few cases, Orwellian. There is some truth to their criticisms — technological problems may hamper the Town Hall's "interactive" nature; the Town Hall would be just as prone to distortion, manipulation, and outright disinformation as, for instance, the TV news; and certainly the technology exists for government to remember how each household votes in Town

The real failing of Perot's Town Hall is that it will do nothing

to fundamentally democratize American political debate. In fact, it threatens to legitimate further the ability of the power holders to frame discussion. At the same time as it centralizes the power to originate and control debate, teledemocracy manufactures the illusion of empowerment in an age where political power is stripped from the populace, to be increasingly monopolized by the Fortune 500 and high-level capitalist apparatchiks.

In the fabled New England town hall meeting, the citizens formulate the agenda. Perot's Town Hall could not be further from this - quite simply, its massive scope cannot allow any Town Hall is that Perot assumes the crisis of American politics citizen, or even any group of citizens, to actively participate in is simply a case of the government having lost the people's framing the issues. They can only serve in a reactive, not active, position. When Perot wants a "popular referendum" on, for example, taxes, the various proposals - with accompanying videos - won't come from the "audience," but from competing groups within the power elite.

We will hear only those ideas from only those "interest groups" deemed acceptable by the powerful... Certainly we will hear from liberal groups and conservative groups, but will we hear from consumers, organized labor, people of color, women, youth and senior citizens, lesbians and gays, and all those other pesky "special interest groups" (read: not, straight, white, upper middle-class and male)? If present media policies are any indicator, at best we will receive a token smattering of ostensibly "alternative" viewpoints.

Even if token "alternative" viewpoints were to get fair play on Perot's Town Hall, they would still be limited to explaining their visions within the straitiacket of status quo debate, unable to escape the necessity of boiling issues down to "yes/no," or at

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# Hillary Clinton muzzled at luncheon

I don't ordinarily attend political lunches. But I wanted a speak and then answer questions. Goody. I'd ask mine close look at Hillary Clinton, a woman who remains something of a mystery to most of us. I mean, what is the former there this perception you do?" editor of the Yale Law Review doing married to Bill Clinton? That's one way to look at it. I can't tell you the number of times at this lunch I heard somebody say, "Oh, if only she were running." We say it but we don't mean it. We're not 2012 when we elect a woman. Forget her politics; I want her

Anyway, the lunch. It was one of those dressy, uptown New York things held at the Waldorf Hotel. The event was sponsored by The Ladies' Home Journal. Hillary wore a blue dress with big pearls at the neck, sort of Barbara Bush for the pre-menopausal set. Her hair looks a little like Jane Pauley's. Ditto the smile. I mean both as compliments.

## Linda Ellerbee

Women in politics have to put up with something men don't, I noticed. The hugs. Every third person introduced to Hillary Clinton felt compelled to put their arms around her, squeeze and kiss the air next to her face. But maybe that's only New York. I wonder if the lady gets sore shoulders.

One reason I had to come to the event that three people in smart. I wonder why they muzzled her in the campaign. Why don't they let her really speak out? I'd like to hear what she really thinks.

My guess was that somebody in Clinton's inner circle made the decision that people with minds of their own are apt to speak them; therefore, the candidate's wife had best stick to trying to please everybody, which means say nothing as much and as often as possible. It is, after all, the time-ing. honored way you win, and Bill Clinton is nothing if not into

But the people running the event had said Hillary would Ellerbee, a nationally syndicated columnist.

"Why do you let them muzzle you and if you don't, why is

The speech began mildly. She was happy to be here, happy to see us all. Then she began to speak of it being "the year of the woman," a phrase I'm about as tired hearing as I am of hearing George Bush call himself "The Education ready for a woman president (Hillary Clinton says it will be President," or "The Environmental President," or, for that matter, "The President." Year of the woman. Uh, huh. Bor-

Imagine my surprise when the next thing she said was, basically, "So, OK, if we have this year, who gets next year?"

Wow, I thought. This is going to go somewhere, and I'd like to tell you it did, but it didn't. Perhaps the best reason was given by the candidate's wife, who's already learned that if you say what you mean, you can't please everyone. In fact, she then addressed the very issue of trying to please everybody as a woman. She said: "If you don't marry and you don't have children, you're a selfish yuppie. If you marry, have children and work outside the home, you're a bad mother. If you marry, have children and stay at home, you've wasted your education. If you don't get married, have children and work outside the home, you're a member of the culturally elite.

"Underlying this all," said Hillary Clinton, "is the fundathree days had said to me, "You know, that Hillary Clinton's mental feeling that women and men do not have respect for what women do."

And then she sort of wound up and sat down. It could have been more. It could have been much, much less. Now it was time for the questions. The lady from The Ladies' Home Journal spoke.

"There will be no questions today. Thank you for com-

And so it goes.

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## Letters

## Court's abortion ruling frustrating

As President of OSU Students for Choice, I wish to comment on the recent Supreme Court decision in the Pennsylvania they can find support in becoming sexually safer case which serves to further limit a woman's ability to choose Candace K. Conte an abortion. Particularly frustrating is a statement by Justice Kennedy in which he reaffirms the right of the state to choose to promote childbirth and discourage abortion. That runs counter to the impact of the Roe v. Wade decision which was supposed to give women the right to choose an abortion in the first trimester, unencumbered by the long arm of the state.

In light of the fact that our country already has 6 percent of the world's population yet consumes 40 percent of the world's natural resources, I find it is irresponsible for the U.S. to adopt a policy which promotes pregnancy and childbirth. It would seem more responsible to promote education on birth control, and when that doesn't work and unwanted pregnancies occur, to make obtaining an abortion possible for the woman who freely chooses this course of action. But instead, throughout the Reagan/Bush years, getting an abortion has become more and more difficult, compounded by a policy which discourages education on birth control education. The anti-choice promoters never make a stand for birth control education or even for finding means to support all of they babies the "promote" that women have. Adoption agencies are full of children, neglected and unwanted that no one is able to care for, and the anti-choice promoters do nothing to alleviate

If it is a woman's choice to have, care and nurture a child in a responsible manner, that is wonderful. But if they know they are not capable of doing so, then they should not be penalized, criminalized, paternalized, lectured and discouraged from taking the steps they need to take. The Pennsylvania decision is not the first time Roe v. Wade has been compromised — but it may be the last. A 5-4 vote does not show strong support for abortion rights, and Justice Blackmun (who originally wrote Roe v. Wade) is 83 years old. The next president will probably select Blackmun's successor who will be the decisive vote on

It is vitally important to keep abortion rights and to do that all of the officials we elect this coming fall must be prochoice. If you are interested in hearing what some of your local candidates feel about this subject, I encourage you to come to a July 4th Pro-Choice Rally at the Benton County Courthouse at noon. Congressman Les Aucoin will talk about the steps Congress is taking with the Freedom of Choice Act, as will as other speakers who will talk about what has happened to Roe v. Wade over the years and what the Pennsylvania decision means. The rally is sponsored by OSU Students For Choice and Benton County NARAL, two groups which support a woman's right to choose an abortion. July 4th is a particularly poignant day to celebrate choice, not just for a selected few, but for all men and women.

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President, OSU Students For Choice

## AIRES counsels men about AIDS

I am writing in reference to Leigh Ann Jones' May 19, 1992 article on the recent candlelight march and vigil in Corvallis ("Anger, Action and Hope"). I would like to commend your community on its commitment to providing public education and support and services to people affected by HIV/AIDS. I would also like to let you know about a program that addresses another crucial aspect of the response to AIDS: pre

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we will be able to reach men who are hesitant to seek in-per-

son services and those who may not have the services readily available in their areas. Those who would like more information should call Project ARIES toll free, at 1-800-999-7511

Thank you for letting men in your community know where

Research consultant, Project ARIES

## Military should share technology

The local paper provided an amusing anecdote recently proclaiming the 'Cold War' to be over. Very funny. The only functional organization that may be left in the Russias of the post-Soviet era is the one previously referred to as the 'Black Market'. Who are they? This matters little. In our own country we are assured by official sources that similar organizations control vast economic empires, labor resources and political influence. Indeed if some metaphysical 'Godfather' were to decide in favor of positive environmental reform and take action today the emission of toxic industrial wastes could end in this country overnight. This would make a difference and be good for business

Unfortunately, 'Ole Superspook in the White House and government of, by and for the People would seem less approachable. Military tacticians and advisors may mumble about national security while economists and politicians belabor investment profiles and 'for-our-own-good' but the continued suppression of effective non-nuclear energy resources discovered in space weapons research and elsewhere artificially limits the options already available to address the problems of energy production, petro-dependence and ozone depletion with the attendant economic chaos and ecological catastrophe. It is a near-sighted policy of short term profits and pilfering economic strategies that ignores or suppresses fundamental discoveries in the face of global holocaust.

In every previous age military researches have brought technological advances into civilian life. Steel is harder, cars go faster, airplanes go higher, etc. Although some projects like THOR, the so-called 'Hammer from the Sky' that has made mass armor formations obsolete in the space age, would not be practical as an alternative to mundane methods of tying rebar, other projects such as KIWI, a solar cannon, have demonstrated a viable solar energy alternative available for industrial applications. Particle wave technology designed to make use of the 'solar wind' to generate destructive beams of energetic matter could direct these beams to antennae providing clean energy resources both planetside and in space.

This technology is science fiction no longer, yet the mortal greed of certain Captains of Industry, Church and State pinion the planetary population upon the precipice of eco-devastation in their manic assault on Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness for ourselves, or Progeny and all intelligent life as we mow it on this planet.

If I were the wind I'd bring the clouds

to cleanse this evil reign.

Anthony Hale Petris Clarkdale, AZ

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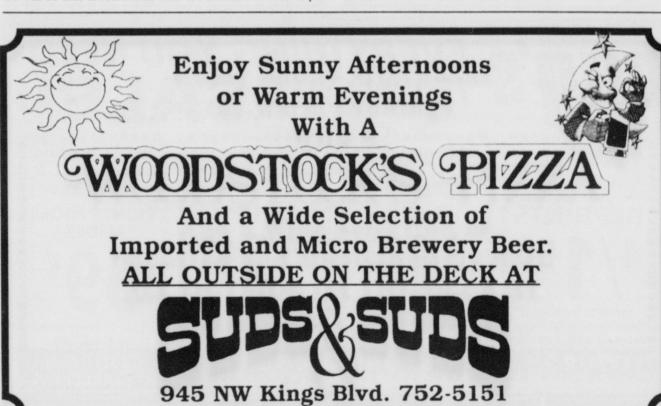


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# Volunteers: A little Stone Soup goes a long way

By HEIDI SCHAUER

of the Summer Barometer

What do you know about the homeless, out-of-work, or lessfortunate? Not much? Neither did about 100 other OSU students until they volunteered at the Westminster House Stone Soup Kitchen in Corvallis.

Each Tuesday evening students serve dinner, consisting of soup and sandwiches, to those who are less-fortunate or down on their luck. As well as serving the food, students often join the diners, have a bite to eat and get to know those that they're serving

Jaimee Menely, a junior at OSU, started the program to bring students and the homeless together in February. Along with Dave Ferry, ASOSU city affairs task force director, she recruited various groups on campus to volunteer their Tuesday nights to help out at Westminster House.

A variety of student organizations have volunteered, from groups in the Greek system to the Mortar Board.

Pierre Osborne, OSU student and volunteer at Westminster House for nine months, says he's gotten quite a lot out of his work experience. As well as learning how to set up, prepare and serve meals, he's learned, "better interpersonal communication skills and responsibility for people."

Osborne said he enjoyed his conversations with fellow workers most about volunteering at the Stone Soup Kitchen.

"Also, it's a nice place to get away, from school and stress, and it's neat to do something really worthwhile. I get a lot out

Another current OSU student volunteer, Peter Ruggiero, has also enjoyed his experiences in working with the Westminster House diners. "The fun part is sitting down and eating meals with the diners," he said. "They are very interesting people they have more interesting conversations than most people."

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involved in the program.

"I think it's a good thing to do for the community. People appreciate college students helping out," he said.

Students aren't the only ones gaining satisfaction by volunteering their time at the Westminster House. Lisa Krause, coorganizer of the project, feels good about donating her time to help feed the less-fortunate.

"There's something very gut-wrenching about it," she said about her volunteering. "I like getting to know these people, and I get a good feeling doing the work, but at the same time I see their social conditions and it's very difficult."

Krause also enjoys talking with and getting to know the regular diners that attend the Stone Soup Kitchen.

"It's nice to see them during the day and be able to talk with them - it's nice to have that exchange," she said. "A lot of people are afraid of poverty and homelessness for no good reason, and now that's beginning to change because of programs like this one."

An average of 60 people attend the Westminster Stone Soup

Ruggiero strongly recommends that other OSU students get dinner each Tuesday, but Krause feels that that number will rise in the future due to unstable economic conditions and Measure 5, which will raise the unemployment level.

> Krause said that Corvallis is a very comfortable and clean city but, "there are a lot of people who need assistance in the form of food, medicine, clothing and shelter. This city is doing pretty well at taking care of the needy, but we have to realize that the problem isn't going to go away."

> For those who are interested in helping out the needy, Westminster House is always glad to have volunteers. One can either contact Westminster House or Lisa Krause for more information. Those who wish to help but have busy Tuesdays aren't out of luck - St. Mary's Church also serves meals during the week. Mondays and Thursdays they serve dinner, and on Wednesdays lunch is served. Because the Stone Soup Kitchen program relies entirely on community funding, donations, in the form of money or food, are accepted and greatly appreciated



Pierre Osborne, master student in liberal arts (left), Peter Ruggiero, graduate student in ocean enginerring (center), and Alexi Bartlett, senior in english, help serve food to the less fortunate people of Corvallis.

### ABORTION, from page 1

move co-authored the court's main opinion. Such joint authorship had not been seen since the court in 1976 allowed states to resume capital punishment.

The three joined with Blackmun and John Paul Stevens in rejecting the Bush administration's call to abandon the 1973 ruling and let states outlaw most of the 1.5 million abortions performed nationwide each year.

Four court members — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Byron R. White, Antonin Scalia and Thomas said abortion should not be a constitutional right.

"We should get out of this area, where we have no right to be, and where we do neither ourselves nor the country any good by remaining," Scalia wrote for the four.

O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter joined those four in upholding most of the Pennsylvania law's provisions over dissenting votes by Blackmun and Stevens.

for judging whether state abortion regulations are valid.

In doing so, the court fashioned a new "undue burden" test

That test, coupled with the court's discarding of some aspects of the 1973 decision, will make it easier for states to impose early-pregnancy regulations.

But the decision added: "The woman's right to terminate her pregnancy before viability (when the fetus can live outside the womb) is the most central principle of Roe vs. Wade. It is a rule of law and a component of liberty we cannot renounce."

Souter declared from the bench that overruling the earlier decision "would subvert the court's legitimacy beyond any reasonable question. If the court were undermined, the country would also be so. ... Roe has not proven unworkable in practice."

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### SATURDAY

Speakers Students for Choice, noon, Benton County Courthouse. Pro-choice rally to protest

Women Studies Program, Prudence Miles, Corvallis City Council; Walt Wagner, candidate for State Rep., Dist. 34; Jerry Nelson, candidate for Benton

### Miscellaneous

Stone Soup, 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Tues. Westminster House, 23rd & Monroe Stone Soup Community Meal Program Volunteers also needed to serve. Call 737-2101

### WEDNESDAY Miscellaneous

United Campus Ministry, 6 p.m. every

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## FRIDAY

Meetings

Oregon State Toastmaster Club, 12:30-1:25 p.m. Fridays, Crop Science 119 Practice speeches for seminars and conferences with experienced evalua-

MU Craft Center, 10-9 Mon.-Thurs, Fri. & Sat. until Aug. 14. Open craft studio working, stained glass, jewelry and button making. Also craft classes for

## NW workers get job retraining

**Associated Press** 

PORTLAND — The federal government will spend \$7.5 million to retrain Oregon timber workers and salmon fishermen and help them find new jobs, Sens. Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield said Wednesday.

The U.S. Labor Department project will initial period of June 1992-June 1994. provide job assistance in Benton, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln and Linn counties.

But the leader of one major timber union called it a "Band-Aid" approach to the problem of a declining timber supply

"It's just wishful thinking," said Bill Hubbell, president of the International Woodworkers of America.

"I'm at a loss to understand how they're going to train thousands of workers in com munities where they've got kids in schools and spent a lifetime building families, suddenly to find they've got no job, no way to sell and now fishing boats, are being idled, resulttheir house, and no business in that community that they can retrain for.'

In the program's first year, 53 fishers and they need to readjust." 391 timber workers will be served. Fishers in other counties are expected to be included

later, the two Oregon Republicans said.

owl, but we don't have one for our people,"

"Clearly there is a need to provide additional assistance above and beyond what we have provided in the past," Packwood added.

A total of \$2.5 million was approved for the

Hatfield and Packwood said two additional

awards of \$2.5 million apiece would cover future two-year periods.

Workers enrolled in the program will receive assistance in job searching and retraining through either the Oregon Consortium or the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council. Transportation and other support will be provided.

"The additional funds are badly needed," Hatfield said. "More and more mill closures, ing in more and more people looking for work. We have to provide them with the tools

"We have a recovery plan for the spotted that pay much less than timber or mill work. may begin earning the work study immedieligibility and to seek a work study job.

## Murphy swoops in Boomerang

By BRYAN CURB

of the Summer Barometer

Boomerang is Eddie Murphy's first film in over two years. Ergo, it is also his attempt to regain some of his overwhelming popularity, which has waned since then to no small degree.

After he directed himself in the stinkeroo Harlem Nights, it became obvious what had happened to the skinny, conniving but loveable comic from Brooklyn: a severe case of egoitis. This freshness was gone from his routine; he surrounded himself in public with a pack of fashionable yes-men, and he wasn't about to apologize for living high on the hog. He wasn't funny any more, and people stopped going to

Apparently Boomerang is Eddie's way of saying to the skeptical public: "Sure, I make more than most successful corporations, but I'm just like anyone else. Now fork over six bucks." Here we have a kind, gentle Eddie Murphy. Sure he's an arrogant womanizer, but he's a sensitive womanizer who is looking for true love. Hey - he's fed up with all these commit-

ment-free escapades with gorgeous women. It all sounds familiar and terribly boring, but believe it or not, the writers breathe new life into this cliched scenario. Boomerang is no epic by any stretch, but the writers create a really nice twist by reversing the traditional malefemale roles in a relationship. Men who have been jilted by romance in the past will appreciate it by sympathizing with Murphy, and women scorned will appreciate a sense of

Murphy plays Marcus Graham, a high-profile marketing VP at a perfume company. The opening scene sets up his character without ambiguity: the first image of him almost seems to be eliciting applause from the audience. He strides through the office greeting the female staff members with condescending lust. This is a man who seems to draw no line with who he sleeps with - not even Lady Eloise, the apparent CEO of the cosmetics firm merging with his

Marcus considers himself to be a player that can't be beat - until he spots Jacquelyne, the new Lady Eloise advertising director (Roben Givens). He is instantly smitten, but his usual charm and lines don't work with a woman of her street smarts and looks. Sniffing a challenge, he vows that she will be his.

His initial attempts fail miserably, causing him (gasp!) self-doubt. Then one night she effortlessly jumps into the sack with him. Not because she found him irresistible, but because she was looking for action and found him for its interesting romantic situation. And

Marcus gets a taste of his own medicine. He finds her brilliant, driven, beautiful - he even respects her. For him, love may be happening here. For her, they had a fling. She isn't looking for commitment, she's more interested in more hormonal acrobatics - but only when she can find time in her busy schedule.

Herein lies the irony: Marcus finally understands what he's been doing to all those women. These scenes are unique and, at times, very intelligent. We see Murphy put in the role usually reserved for the female. He pines for her, waits by the phone for her, and doesn't understand why she would rather watch the Knicks play than talk to him. After their second romp in the hay, she leaves early because she has a speech in the morning. He watches her go, then pulls the covers up over his chest.

Contrived, yes, but interesting to see. The plot gets muddled by a secondary relationship between Marcus' friend (David Alan Grier from In Living Color) and an art director at the company (Halle Berry), who serves as the very-cute-and-loving-but-not-quite-as-beautiful other woman. Grace Jones provides a crass but interesting character in Strang'e, the model who serves as an inspiration behind the company's latest perfume. Geoffrey Holder (Punjab in Annie) plays a wacked-out commercial director. Both performances are good, probably because we don't see that much of either.

Overall the acting is fine, but Eddie is indeed different than he used to play. Gone are the days of the manic, uncivilized Billy Ray Valentine from Trading Places. Murphy now plays a more mature, insightful character and the results are mixed at best. Drama is not his forte, even light stuff like this.

Director Reginald Hudlin serves as creator of an environment for Murphy to work in. There is little in the way of visual style to distinguish him from other comedic filmmakers. He does, however, set up his characters as either heroic or repellent. Givens reminds us of that ex-girlfriend whose neck we'd like to wring, and Berry does a good job portraying a really

So is Eddie Murphy back? Not like we remember him, and not as compelling as we'd like, but serviceable. Because of the public's skepticism, this may be the first Eddie Murphy picture to not be guaranteed a huge opening. If may take word of mouth and a long summer, but this film will probably find a large audience

## Work Study available this summer

THE QUIGMANS

be eligible for on-campus employment Financial Aid Office. through the Work Study program. Funds are applied on time for financial aid.

Hubbell said the likely outcome would be to are attending summer term indicate that the term when they need the funds the most. send older workers into low-paying service work study funds are only for fall, winter and Interested full-time students should contact industry jobs or high-tech assembly line jobs spring terms. However, an enrolled student the Financial Aid Office to determine their

Full-time summer term OSU students may ately, and many jobs are available through the

Departments that hire work study students allocated to students who are US citizens and often do not make these positions available to those without work study. Students can gain The award letters issued to students who valuable job experience during the summer

by Buddy Hickerson











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## Where's the sun?



Greta Loeffelbein, junior in crop science, and Mary Beth Gangloff, graduate student in food science and under the umbrella, enjoy the break from the heat, Monday, while walking through the MU quad.

# Bored? Read Feef's Top-10

It was during the heat wave that broiled - This idea is good, from the standpoint that

We were also coming down with an affliction that many college students suffer from in the summer

Terminal boredom.

## Jeffrey Foster

After exhausting our brains trying to think of things we could do that didn't require movement, Rich finally turned to me, and knowing I bear the stigma of being a native of the Corvallis area, asked, "Feef, what is there to do in Corvallis in summer?"

What is there to do? Why there's lots to do! As I tried to explain to Rich that there was plenty of things to keep anyone, who has a least an average intelligience and a touch of imagination, occupied, I realized that probably a lot of people were wondering the same thing. So I put together this list for everyone who are so bored they've read their textbooks twice already

FEEF'S TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN CORVALLIS WHEN YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY BORED (or just think you

10. Watch the paint peel — This is not really something to do, it's more of an excuse to give when your roomate walks in, sees you lying catatonically on the couch and asks, "What

9. Go out to a farm and watch the corn grow

Corvallis about a week ago. I was with my it will take you a few days to see any change buddy, Rich, and we were engaged in a futile in the corn, so you stay occupied for a long attempt to stay cool, or at least, keep from time. But if the valley gets too hot, head for the hills and watch a tree grow.

8. Hang out at 7-Eleven - This will give you the opportunity to meet a lot of new people. Of course they will all still be in high

7. Go to the Corvallis library and attempt to find a book you want - If you find your book

let me know; it will be a first. 6. Go to the Beanery and try all the coffee items they have - Warning: Only really expe-

rienced coffee drinkers should attempt this. 5. Hang out at Lyon's Restaurant - When you get tired of sitting at your place, you can

go to Lyon's and sit and veg. 4. Go fishing — For some real excitement,

go down to the river and engage in some hand-to-fin combat with the giant, mutant, killer carp.

3. Go visit people — I'm referring to people that you've never really been friends with before, but because you're both bored to tears you treat them like your best friend.

Brush diving — Go test the resiliency of some of the native plant life by throwing yourself into every bush you see. Word of advice: avoid any plants with thorns.

1. Go to Portland - You can always find something to do in Portland.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Jeffery Foster, photographer for the Summer Barometer.

## PEROT, from page 4

minutes on the evening news, among such detail that viewers would between capital flight and or some other "choice." unemployment, or unemployour very economic structure?

practice which demands a than turning away. general and especially Perot's or apathetic citizens ignores the roots of the problem.

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the best, "A,B,C or D" choices. care how voters respond to Even with one hour to discuss different propositions which an issue instead of the two amount to varying opinions Beltway policy could an issue be explained in groups? It is unlikely that Perot would dispatch private

The mass-mediated politiment and urban decay... and cal culture that the powerful above all, the relationship control has one-dimensionalbetween any of these ills and ized our politics - in the minds of 99 percent of the and coercively reached con-Just what prevents us from people there simply is no finding genuine solutions? alternative to the status quo. Perot's Town Hall is no substi- ers linkages and issues. All in the crisis of our one-dimen-The liberal critique blames Faced with a system that nei-tute for the diversity of politithe name of a return to Comsional political culture, comsound bite politics," "nega- ther justifies itself nor allows cal, social, and cultural views mon Sense Democracy. tive campaigning," and alternatives to be heard, peo- required in any genuine com-"forced choice" - a polling ple simply turn off, rather munity.

So many people find Perot's given question - as the down- Town Hall, and in fact his on democracy; considering fall of American politics in campaign, so appealing because he promises both to Town Hall. The analysis blam- return government to a posiing the problems of a defec- tion where it does justify might have all the right tive system on bad politicians itself to the people - in the people's language, the language of "common-sense democracy" - and where it ysis fearing Perot's ability to again becomes an integral part of the American sense of "community." Both notions are, however, basically

The problem is that "Town the interviewee.

Hall" teledemocracy cannot create community, only the only be magnified through the ment through grass-roots degree of regularity and to political action which attacks participate in the political systhe concentrated economic tem. Worse, however, will be power of the corporate and the substitution of polls for bureaucratic elite. The vague what little remains in our sensus that would flow from decision-making that consid-

And while Perot's vision is the level of dissatisfaction in our society, it is a politically unstable mix. Town Hall appearances of a referendum, but when it comes down to it, it is simply the inversion of a poll. The questions are already framed by dominant values and processed into nized labor and Populism, "either/or" propositions; the only change is that the initiative to respond now lies with

such polling has been put to good use recently by the Euro-Hall would continue this.

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The flaws of polling will frame a question in such a way as to limit, warp, or actuillusion of it. The "Town Hall" lens of teledemocracy. The ally guarantee the answer. may bring voters closer to the over-represented — educated, Wouldn't a practice of getting Leader, but it certainly will high-income white males with the right responses by asking not bring them together as mainstream politics - will the right questions (and only be made aware of linkages investigators to round up that neighbors. We can only gain even more influence, those) pose a grave threat to with other issues - for 20 percent of the nation who achieve some sense of com- They are the ones most likely the ongoing and freewheeling instance, the relationship might favor increased taxes munity and citizen empower- to follow politics with some conversation that is at the heart of democracy?"

Perot's vision of a truly interactive Town Hall is integral to his promises of leading us to a sort of post-modern pastoralism. But the danger of Perot's ability to capitalize on bined with the Town Hall's For over a century, polling ability to make the appearhas been used as a means of ance of choice seem like the controlling, rather than repre- real thing, however, promis long on justification, it is short senting, public opinion. A to lead us down a much more question reducing the options dangerous road. Perot's knack to "yes/no," or phrased in bi- for inspiring grass-roots activism offers promise, but inant values, even ones con- only if we can demand a trary to the interests of the detour not deeper into nationmajority of citizens, into the alistic technocracy but into a guise of "conventional wispolitics which is decentralized, pluralistic, and which above ner during the late 19th cen- all, seeks a radical transfortury in the battle against orgamation to a society based on economic justice.

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