

Who decides the fate of our water?

Right now that decision isn't ours to make. State, federal, and corporate interests claim the right to override communities' wishes concerning activities that threaten water, air and soil pollution in our community, such as fracking.

We have the inalienable right to protect the health and safety of our communities and our water. Laws that take away those rights are unjust and illegitimate. Let's take back our power to decide!

Measure S is a Community Bill of Rights designed to reclaim our inalienable right to protect the precious waters of Mendocino County by banning fracking and all fracking related activities.



Join all of us who love Mendocino County in voting Yes on S.

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In Our Opinion

Keep the Point Arena land and buildings

There is no question in our minds that the best choice for the Mendocino College Board of Trustees is to simply keep the Point Arena Field Station land and buildings intact and drop the whole idea of selling any of it to anyone.

The college has waited 30 years to be in full control of this valuable and pristine piece of property and to simply sell it off like a garage full of stuff you never use would be a shame and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Yes, a waste, because we believe that this unspoiled coastal land and its scientific importance is far more valuable than a one-time windfall that the college will spend without blinking an eye on things no one will remember in a year.

The Trustees are considering selling the land but keeping the buildings.

Why?
As soon as the land leaves the college's control, it would likely become part of the public lands strip now consolidated along that stretch of coast, a very nice strip of public land but one which will not

stay scientifically pristine for long. Having the use of the buildings is meaningless if the land is no longer scientifically significant.

Why is the college is such a hurry? Our advice to the Trustees is: step back, look at what your own science instructors are telling you, let the Point Arena Field Station attract the kind of grants and cooperative educational use your own staff is telling you is inevitable.

Then pat yourselves on the back in 10 years when this small community college is lauded for its forethought and the exciting research being done at its one-of-a-kind field station.

College board president Joel Clark said he wanted to hear from the public about this land. You can email him at joelclark@sonic.net

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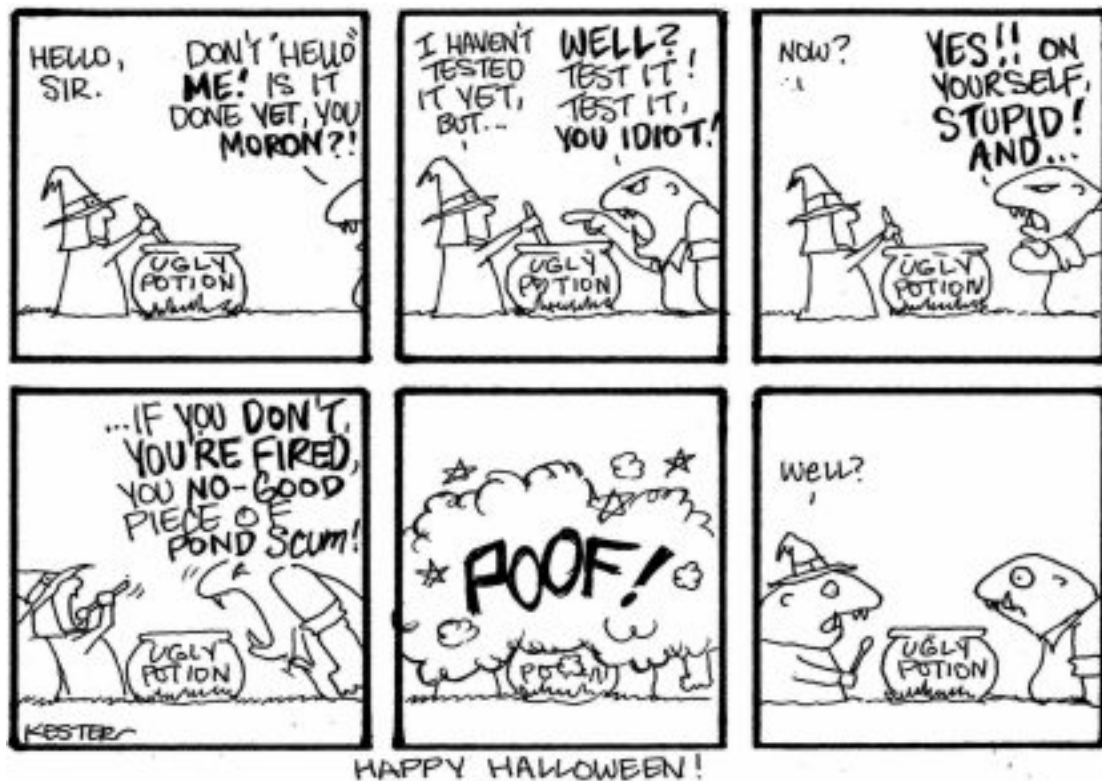
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Cartoonist's take



KESTER CARTOON 1026

In Your Opinion

Yes on Measure S

To the Editor:
Mendocino County voters can write an ideal of the American Revolution into County law: "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." They can do this by voting "yes" on Measure S on November 4. Measure S declares that we have the right and duty to safeguard Mendocino County's water from fracking and other industrial pollution. The Measure bans fracking within Mendocino County. It says fracking violates the civil and human rights of the people of Mendocino County by threatening their health, safety, welfare, environment and future generations. Measure S recognizes "We the People" as the ultimate authority to decide what happens in Mendocino County. Measure S doesn't recognize the authority of corporations or state and federal governments to determine what happens here. Readers can find Measure S text at www.crnmc.org/ordinance. We must pass Measure S to protect our water. We're in the midst of the worst drought in California history. Water is essential for our survival. Fracking not only uses millions of gallons of water for each well, it contaminates millions more with toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. Many fracking chemicals are unknown because they're protected as "trade secrets." The oil industry dumped 3 billion

gallons of fracking wastewater into Central California aquifers that supply drinking water and irrigation for farms. This was revealed in documents obtained by the Center For Biological Diversity. To learn more, visit www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2014/fracking-10-06-2014.html. The oil industry pumped fracking wastewater and other contaminants into injection disposal wells. This toxic waste then leached into the aquifers. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board tests found high levels of arsenic and thallium in water wells near fracking waste disposal operations. Both pollutants are sometimes found in oil industry wastewater. Thallium is extremely toxic and is an ingredient of rat poison. Arsenic is a toxic chemical that can cause cancer. Low level exposure to arsenic in drinking water can compromise the body's immune system. We must pass Measure S to protect our water from the powerful, irresponsible oil industry. California's regulatory agencies, Governor Brown and the State Senate and Assembly have all failed to protect California's water. The oil industry is the most powerful lobby in Sacramento. It spent more than \$63 million lobbying California policymakers from 2009 to

2014. Another danger of fracking is the possibility of increased earthquake activity. In the midwestern U.S., the number of earthquakes increased from 50 in 2009 to 134 in 2011 in fracked areas. U.S. Govern-

ment scientists said this increase was almost certainly man-made and possibly caused by wastewater injection and gas and oil drilling. Compounding the earthquake threat, California has two nuclear power plants adjacent to or sitting over earthquake faults. One, the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, is on the Southern California coast in the densely populated corridor with millions of people between San Diego and Los Angeles. An earthquake-generated tsunami disaster there would be far worse than Fukushima. So please vote "yes" on Measure S on November 4.

— Ed Oberweiser, Fort Bragg

Leave shelter where it is

To the Editor:
Please know that moving the Ukiah Animal Shelter from Health and Human Services to Law Enforcement does not bode well for the Shelter or the community. There are many precedents around the country that prove this point. Law Enforcement is not trained, funded or manned to take on such a responsibility. The Sheriff's Department has major issues like crime, drug abuse, robberies etc. and must not lose its effectiveness in those crucial areas by having its attentions diffused into areas that are not naturally part of the Sheriff's domain. Issues developing at the Oakland and Berkeley Animal Shelters because of Agency management changes have

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Assignment: Ukiah

How to quit smoking before you even start

When I was a kid growing up my parents smoked cigarettes. A lot of cigarettes. They smoked cigarettes like they were getting paid to smoke cigarettes, and maybe they were.

Maybe my parents were professional smokers. All I know is that they smoked starting early in the morning, then smoked all day long and kept smoking through the night. And maybe they set the alarm clock and woke up at 3 a.m. so they could smoke a few more cigarettes before falling back asleep and dreaming of that first morning cigarette, just a few hours away, that they'd have with their morning coffee and a couple more cigarettes.

There were about two dozen ashtrays in our house, and yet all the table tops were scorched with burn marks from cigarettes that had missed the ashtrays. There were also lots of small burn marks on the carpets and various bedsheets. My parents were also top-notch drinkers too, if that explains anything.

I've never smoked. I'd rather inhale bus fumes for an hour than choke down half a Marlboro. People might think it's because I was traumatized from



TWK

decades of smoking by my parents and that the near-toxic levels of nicotine byproducts have made me allergic to smoking. Not so. But I'd be happy to tell you why I don't smoke.

When I was about 12 years old my brother became batboy for the Cleveland Indians. It was a two-year assignment. In 1960 he handled the bats and various other dugout chores for teams visiting old Municipal Stadium in Cleveland. Thus, when the Yankees came to town, brother Bill served up bats to Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Moose Skowron and Gil McDougald. When Boston came to play the Tribe, Bill did the same for Ted Williams, Frank Malzone and Pete Runnels. White Sox? Luis Aparicio, Nellie Fox, Billy Pierce.

Then in 1961 he moved over to the home dugout and spent the season with the Indians. This meant he mingled daily with the heroes of my youth, including Jimmy Piersall, Johnny Temple, Gary Bell and Woodie Held. Bill being batboy for the Cleveland Indians was the most exciting thing that had ever happened to me, and it didn't even happen to me.

It was a time when ballplay-

ers were bigger than Paul Bunyan. Every pitcher went nine innings, hitters routinely whacked 500-foot home runs, nobody complained of measly problems like broken ankles, and everybody chewed tobacco.

They really didn't "chew" tobacco, although that's how it was described. Instead, they took a fat chunk of loose tobacco out of a paper pouch labeled "Red Man" or "Beechnut" and stuffed that fat chunk up inside their mouths, between the cheek and the gum. Ballplayers back then looked like chipmunks with golf balls in their mouths.

Of course I wanted to become a major league ballplayer one day, and figured chewing tobacco was just one more aspect of the game I had to master, along with hitting behind the runner, throwing to the cutoff man and backing up bases. Lucky for me, brother Bill must have been thinking along the same lines.

One evening he came back from his duties at the ballpark, and he brought with him a package of Beechnut chewing tobacco. Just like the pro use!

We sat across from each other in the living room, Bill on the big green couch, me on the upholstered rocking chair. He reached

a paw into the pouch and pulled out about a quarter cup of brown, shredded tobacco. He rolled it into a tight big ball and stuffed it up inside his cheek.

I did the same. We sat staring at one another, probably marveling at how much we suddenly looked like Rocky Bridges, Don Zimmer and Bill Tuttle. At that moment I was wondering what to do next, which coincided with the exact moment my salivary glands exploded.

Have you ever wondered why baseball players spit so much? Why is it they constantly expectorate all nine innings, issuing steady streams of brown spitty liquid? Tobacco and saliva glands, my friends, tobacco and saliva glands. Just like the glands gushing phlegmy tobacco-infused sewage up into my mouth at the very moment, and which begged to be spit out.

Instead I swallowed. What did I know? I swallowed big gulp after big gulp of fresh, raw horrid tasting tobacco juice down into my tender little 12-year old stomach, and thence to my pink intestinal tract below. Except it never got into my little pink intestines because I started vomiting.

And I didn't stop for a long, long time. I vomited greenish-

brown muck for hours. My head swam and swum and kept swimming well into the night, when I was truly as sick as I've ever been before or after.

Ever since that six-minute experience with Mister Tobacco (not including the subsequent six hours of puking) I've been completely indifferent to the allure and charms of smoking cigarettes. Nor has brother Bill ever smoked a cigarette, thus providing evidence the Beechnut Cure for smoking is 100% effective.

The downside? I inherited several boxes of ashtrays 18 or so years ago and they're all just boxed up in the garage, waiting for someone who smokes several thousand cigarettes a week to break them out, put them to use and bring back the good old days.

TWK says this also explains why Tom Hine never reached the Major Leagues. "He's tearing up the league in hitting, it's like he's got a magnet in his glove out there in center field, great speed, great potential, but the darn kid just never learned to chew tobacco," is the way his Triple A manager described him when the Indians wanted to bring Hine to the big leagues. So Vic Davalillo got the job instead.

Political letters

Editor's note: The Ukiah Daily Journal runs political endorsement letters on a separate page from the regular opinion letters. We try to get as many political letters in as we can but we do not guarantee publication. Publishing political letters does not mean we agree with the writers or endorse their claims. As of today we have run all the political letters we have received. We will not be running any further letters.

For Baldwin

To the Editor:
Here's a proposition for your consideration: "No government which does not serve the Needs of the Governed deserves to exist." As the upcoming election nears, we find ourselves looking at many of the Usual Suspects lining up for elected positions throughout the nation, including for seats on the Ukiah City Council. And, so long as the various pols comprising those Usual Suspects remain unindicted, they will very likely continue to take those seats and conduct Business As Usual from them. However, if we, as citizens of Ukiah, wish to avoid that often 'funny business', there is one voice on the City Council who is very un-Usual, and that is the voice of Philip Baldwin. (Now, if you are a kinder, gentler fascist, you've already stopped reading by now. You aren't going to vote for Phil Baldwin anyway. However, if you are, say, a Moderate - or even one of those [shock/horror] Liberal Progressives we keep hearing about - then you might want to consider why his voice is so necessary on the Ukiah City Council.) At present, Phil Baldwin is the only liberal, progressive voice in that body: he is the de facto Conscience of it, that is if you are not a wealthy industrialist or a plutocratic or kleptocratic pol with one foot in Banking and the other in Government. "No government which does not serve the Needs of the Governed deserves to exist." It's a principle we might want to consider, as unusual as it may seem to the average American... We, the People, are the governed, and our needs include the basic needs of people anywhere. Phil Baldwin is not only a champion of those needs being provided to us, he is also a skilled executive and legislator with experience in seeing those needs addressed. He is also a fearless commentator on the state of our society, with the courage of his convictions. He is also a member of the working class and middle class, who understands the problems of the non-rich. He was a teacher, and now he is a public servant with years of hands-on experience dealing with the needs of Ukiah residents under truly brutal budgetary limitations. And he is the voice of Conscience on our little governing body in this town. The Journal's own Tommy Kramer (who is just a little to the right of Donald Trump or Rush Limbaugh) has also recommended Phil Baldwin's re-election, for his managerial expertise; the column can be found in the September 14th edition of the Journal. Now, I'm not

certain that Mayor Baldwin wanted that particular endorsement, but when you have both rabid political enemies and reasoned political allies combining to endorse a particular candidate on both his skills and his passion... well, you probably ought to sit up and take notice of that candidate. So I urge all Ukiahans to vote, no matter what, for the candidate of their choice, and I also urge them to choose the conscientious voice of we, The People - and a voice of proven experience - in Phil Baldwin.
— B. Clark, Ukiah

For Heath

To the Editor:
We have two candidates running for election to the 2nd Assembly District, Matt Heath (R) and Jim Wood (D). You would think that someone running for office would make an effort to get out and meet the people they propose to represent.

Since the June primary, Matt Heath has made multiple visits all over Mendocino County: the Willits July 4 parade, Ukiah's Redwood Empire Fair, Fort Bragg's Paul Bunyan Day parade and the Lions Club barbecue that followed, the County Fair in Boonville, plus various "meet and greets" around the county; meeting voters of all political persuasions, talking with them, listening to their concerns. He has been similarly active in Del Norte, Humboldt and his own Sonoma County.

In contrast, Jim Wood seems content to spend most of his time in Sonoma County with only an occasional appearance in the other counties of the 2nd Assembly District much to the frustration of many local Democrats.

At the recent candidate forum in Fort Bragg — the only venue at which both candidates were scheduled to appear together — Mr. Wood's responses were vague, expressing "concern" or "need to look at" various issues raised, whereas Mr. Heath's answers were much more reasoned and specific — because he had been meeting Mendocino County voters.

When voting on November 4th the question isn't a candidate's political label, the question is, "If a candidate doesn't care enough to get out to meet and listen to the voters, who will he be representing in Sacramento?"

— Stan Anderson, Fort Bragg

For Doble & Brown

To the Editor:
Every candidate for City Council has ideas about how best to move Ukiah forward. All deserve our gratitude for their willingness to serve. But I believe Kevin Doble and Jim Brown are exceptionally well qualified.

Kevin Doble stands out based on his proven record of public service. Kevin has served on the Planning Commission for over three years and has proven that he is hard working, thoughtful and fair. Kevin's approach is to

read all the relevant information, ask the hard questions, and make decisions that are in the public interest. Kevin Doble will be a great addition to the City Council.

Jim Brown has devoted most of his life to public service. As Chief Probation Officer for Mendocino County, Jim played a key role as Chair of our local Community Corrections Partnership Committee which makes local funding recommendations for state criminal justice realignment funds. While other counties were marked by bitter infighting for the available funds, Jim Brown presided over a collaborative process that gained the support of all participants. Jim Brown will insist that a fair process be followed when making tough budget decisions.

Please join me in voting for Kevin Doble and Jim Brown for Ukiah City Council.

— John McCowen

Mendocino County Second District Supervisor

For Wood

To the Editor:

I've carefully reviewed the candidates running for our local, state, and federal offices and heartily endorse Jim Wood for the 2nd District Assembly race. As an advocate for the expansion of affordable broadband Internet into the underserved and unserved areas of Mendocino County, I challenge those who are well served to select on the consequences of disconnecting all of your electronic devices at home and at work. And then contemplate the effect of turning off your cell phone for a day. Consider how you would conduct business, pursue education, or just stay in touch with family and friends. Our unserved residents in Northern California face these challenges on a daily basis and Jim Wood understands how this impacts economic development, public safety, and educational opportunities. I've personally observed Jim discuss the importance of broadband availability for all. This is a major issue in rural areas of Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte Counties. Jim Wood "gets it" and we will be able to count on him as a leader in the effort to expand broadband coverage in our region. Let's send Jim Wood to represent us in the Assembly where he will help lead the charge to close the Persistent Digital Divide!

— Jim Moorhead

Unserved in Mendocino

For Woodhouse

To the Editor:
My father, Tom Woodhouse, is qualified and prepared to become our next supervisor. He has spent his entire adult life in this community, running his business in a socially, environmentally and morally responsible way. He has tended his property and raised his family diligently and lovingly. All the while he

has volunteered countless hours to learn the ins and outs of our local boards, councils and agencies.

For many years Tom bolstered the efforts of The Friends Of The Willits Library with his endless enthusiasm and good will. Through decades of service on the Willits High School Site Council he learned the inner workings of our school systems on the district and county level, always taking the time to engage with students, staff, teachers, parents and administration with appreciation and an open mind. In recent years he has built a relationship with the Sheriff's Office by running their work-release program. He finds hope and excitement in bringing together local officials, community members and youth for town cleanups and other positive difference-making projects.

Tom was drawn to Willits 40 years ago by the beauty of our local environment. Walking untold acres of our surrounding landscape with his clients over the years has only deepened his appreciation for our local ecosystems, animal species and resources. This is evident in the way that he has managed his own land for animal habitat, fire safety and beauty. The look on Tom's face when the first salmon show up in the creek behind his office every winter is the look of a man with reverence for the surrounding environment and a commitment to protecting and restoring it.

It may be a bit redundant to write a letter of endorsement for a family member. Who else would I support but the man who has loved and supported me for my entire life? However, my support for and endorsement of Tom goes beyond our father-son relationship. I am a Green Building instructor at Mendocino College, Program Director at The North Street Collective (a local non-profit geared towards art and education) and I serve as a coach, teacher and mentor to hundreds of young people in Willits. As someone who is deeply committed to seeing our community thrive now and in the years to come, I will be thrilled to have a supervisor in place who will truly listen to our concerns and ideas and act upon them. Please join me in voting for Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District Supervisor.

— Noel Woodhouse, Willits

For Madrigal

To the Editor:
The mail-in ballots have arrived; its time to start seriously thinking about

URGING A YES ON MEASURE S



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Measure S is an initiative on the November ballot asserting the rights of residents of Mendocino County to clean water, air, soil and freedom from chemical trespass. When passed it will express the voters desire to ban Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) in the county.

Fracking involves blasting huge amounts of water, sand and chemicals deep into underground rock formations to access valuable oil and natural gas. While this is a form of alternative energy, it also has environmental implications, influencing local air pollution, earthquakes and, especially, clean water supply. Shown here, Dr. Sharon Paltin of Laytonville, and David Nelson of Ukiah, at the Ukiah Farmers' Market, educating voters about the dangers of Hydraulic Fracturing.

voting. I wish I could vote in District 3 (I live in District 1, so I can't) because I'd happily vote for Holly Madrigal for Supervisor.

While she is keenly aware of local issues in the third District, such as the need to reopen the Willits courthouse, Holly's broad grasp of the issues that affect us all has impressed me. As a member of the BOS, she will be dealing with the problems and opportunities of a large and diverse county. She strikes me as a person who can be effective at bringing these diverse elements together.


She has practical experience, not just theory, dealing with the hard issues of government. I believe water, or the lack of it, will be a continu-

ing concern in this county. She has helped to develop creative, multipronged solutions for Willits for the long run. That same sort of thinking and action will be needed throughout the county. She has worked to create and improve opportunities for local businesses to provide decent paying jobs. Her focus on open communication with staff and citizens seems refreshingly different to me. It goes a long way toward creating effective solutions to problems rather than just haggling. These are just a few of the many ways I see her as an effective leader.

So, please make my wish come true: vote to elect Holly Madrigal District 3 Supervisor.


— Hal Voego, Redwood

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