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### Legion says to get out and vote



"Just think — after Nov. 6, we won't have to worry about complacency any more!"

Editor, Tribune: Once every four years, Americans are given the opportunity to determine their destiny in a way that exists in no other country on earth. Through our unique system of primary and general elections, we exercise a precious right that was fought for and won by patriots who jealously coveted the blessings of freedom. They believed in a basic right without which all others are meaningless, the honest and independent exercise of our own franchise, a trust confided to us — not for private gain — but for the public good. In short, the right to vote.

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### Jail bond issue deserves support

There are two more measures on the ballot that are worthy of being singled out for comment before the votes are cast tomorrow. One measure is local, the other statewide. The local measure concerns a \$2.7 million bond issue for rebuilding the Burleigh County Jail. A larger bond issue was defeated by voters last spring. But the project has been scaled back, and there's no significant money to be saved by rejecting it again. In fact, voting down the bond issue probably would result in even higher costs of housing and transporting prisoners. In 10 years, we would spend more than it costs to rebuild the jail. Let's face the facts. The current jail is more than 50 years old, and it no longer meets the needs of a modern Burleigh County. Let's pay up now by voting yes, so we don't have to pay more later.

### And on bearing guns...

Of the state ballots, Measure 3 is probably the one most assured of passage if you believe opinion polls. How you vote on Measure 3, regarding the right to bear arms, depends on your interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution states that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Backers of Measure 3 say that protection doesn't extend to city and state laws, and they cite a Morton Grove, Ill., ordinance banning handguns, which has been upheld by a federal appeals court. Measure 3 would add to the state Constitution the right "to keep and bear arms for the defense of their person, family, property, and the state, and for lawful hunting, recreational, and other lawful purposes, which shall not be infringed." If you think the federal Constitution needs to be bolstered on the state level, vote yes on Measure 3. On the other hand, if you think it's redundant, you may want to vote no.

### Letters welcome

The Tribune welcomes letters to the editor. Copies of letters for publication must contain the author's signature, address and telephone number. Street addresses and telephone numbers will not be published, but the telephone numbers will be used for verification. Only verified letters will appear. Only letters of 400 words or less will be published. Longer letters will be considered for use as guest columns, at the discretion of Tribune editors. Only one letter per writer each month, please.

### WAY BACK WHEN

Nov. 5, 1909 — The work on the mining experimental station at Hebron is progressing favorably. The Mandan Mercantile Co., to whom the building contracts were let, has completed its work and the buildings will be ready for occupancy by Nov. 15.  
Nov. 5, 1910 — St. Paul, Minn. has arrived in the city and will assume the management of the steam laundry formerly run under the firm name of Halverson and Reade.  
Nov. 5, 1910 — Bismarck will soon have a new vaudeville and picture house to be known as the "Flux".  
The first of a series of terminal elevators and four mills, which are to form a part of the Nonpartisan League's industrial program in North Dakota, was awarded to

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What if your teen-age daughter was attacked and raped by some crazy sex pervert and she became pregnant? Would you insist that she carry this pregnancy through to full term? Would you insist that she should seek medical help immediately? Why should this poor girl suffer any more than she has already, a constant reminder of the horror she experienced? What chance of it all! It could ruin her life forever.  
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### Help needed to run one's life

Editor, Tribune: "It's my own body, and I can do with it as I please" is a statement we hear more often. Usually it comes from people who are doing what seems right in their own eyes. The sovereign God of the universe, on the other hand, inspired the Bible, a book that makes one wise, which says "You are not your own; you are bought with a great price: Christ's atoning death and resurrection." Therefore, honor God with your body.  
The important choices men and women make daily depend on one of the above choices. Let's say that I choose to believe that it's my own body and that I can do with it as I please. I'm not accountable to anyone — not even God. I become my own god. I make my own rules and judgments. Sometimes my judgments may be good. At other times if it suits my fancy I may think it's all right to experiment with drugs, illicit sex, lesbianism or homosexuality, prostitution, pornography — anything to please myself. In the event of pregnancy, as a woman, I can abort. Nothing is right or wrong. The sad thing about this kind of reasoning and living is that the persons concerned are blinded to the devastating erosion of body and mind that is taking place. Even more heart-breaking is the fact of the Supreme Court's encouragement to this kind of living by wrongly interpreting the laws to protect the sanctity of life. In America we have stronger laws to protect the unborn in wildlife than we have to protect human life.

### Power to vote 'no' is requested

Editor, Tribune: "New election procedures required." According to present procedures, a judge or any candidate who has no opposition can be elected by only one vote, even if all other voters oppose his or her election. It is this power that allows a small minority to now elect their candidate while the large majority of voters stand by and do nothing to elect the one they do not want or they vote for against their will. It would make much more sense if we either voted for or against a single candidate. Then if there are more "no" votes than "yes" votes, the incumbent candidate or candidate would be needed to run for that particular office. I hope and strongly urge the legislators to improve this situation at the next legislative session so that our votes will have some meaning.

### Pro-life vote advocated strongly

Editor, Tribune: After attending the state Right to Life convention I feel I must share some of the grueling stories told. See how better off animals are than human beings.  
A wounded eagle in Maryland died after attempts were made to save him. A \$2,000 reward was put out for his killer. (And the innocent unborn babies' cries go silent.) It's illegal to ship pregnant lobsters to market, no matter which trimester they are in. There is a \$1,000 fine and a one-year jail term as a penalty. (And the unborn babies die at the rate of 4,000 per day in the United States. That's one every 20 seconds!) The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that a goldfish cannot be awarded as prizes in games of chance. This violates the state's anti-cruelty law to protect the tendency to dull humanitarian feelings and corrupt the morals of those who observe them. This same court upheld marijuana state funding of abortion babies, even though the body parts were unborn babies!

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### Reagan bombed with this listener

Editor, Tribune: It appalls me to think there have been more publicity and concern given the incident on radio when President Reagan jokingly said "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw

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the Russians forever. We begin bombing five minutes from now." A man that would jokingly voice such a remark is dangerous to all of us. My understanding is Russia went on alert. Republicans braided the matter aside by saying actors often lose us this way before going on stage.

This man should not have the responsibility of delicate foreign relations. Russia and Lebanon are mere examples of his lack of responsibility.  
Too many people are only looking at the changes in our economy to make a decision as to who to vote for.

Ruth DeGrande  
Bismarck

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Oliver McPherson  
Bismarck

### Band-Aids no cure for farm problems

Editor, Tribune: If ever the voice of rural North Dakota needed to be strong, the time is now. North Dakota has lost 1,000 farms in the last four years and the average net farm income has decreased 30 percent. What is the answer? Band-Aids are not the answer. We are weeding out the weak. It's time to break the back of Mr. Olson, "who will be next?"

In August of 1980 a barrel of durum was worth \$8.13. That same barrel of durum in September of 1983 was worth \$3.00 and they say, "It's the farmers own fault."  
If Mr. Olson and Mr. Jensen had been concerned, they would have been in Washington, fighting to increase the North Dakota farm economy and would not have accepted the Band-Aid policies given by the Reagan administration.

David G. Sears  
Minewaukan

### GOP legislator endorses Democrat

Editor, Tribune: I am a six-term Republican legislator and have been an insurance agent for the last 31 years. I have taken a long look at the candidates for insurance commissioner and have concluded that Earl Pomeroy is the best qualified for this office.  
This is the first time I have publicly endorsed a Democratic candidate and I have decided to take this step for the following reasons:  
1. Earl Pomeroy is a native North Dakotan. He understands the needs of our citizens — young and old. His opponent is not a native of North Dakota.  
2. Having served in the Legislature since the highest judges of our state is talented, hard working, and fair minded. His opponent has never held a position of public trust in North Dakota.  
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state and we need positive thinking leaders to meet the challenges. I enthusiastically support Earl Pomeroy for insurance commissioner and for these reasons, I urge my fellow citizens to do likewise.  
Rep. Roy Hand  
District 40 and 50  
Minot

### Olson credited with spending cuts

Editor, Tribune: Here are some facts I feel we should all be aware of. During Gov. Olson's administration — by his demands — spending and eliminate waste — the Highway Department has saved \$20.7 million from the 81-83 budget. Translated into what this means to the general public, we're getting more for our tax money.  
Lifting run the department for 18 months and scaled down personnel spending \$88,404, saving taxpayers \$16.04. His program for public information is \$42,742, and had one public information specialist.  
Under the direction of Gov. Olson, the Economic Development Commission has become known for its aggressive work to create jobs, and North Dakota is ranked as the top best business climates. Gov. Olson is also working to get new business into North Dakota.  
The Democrats are trying to mislead the public, that legislators and the money for North Dakota Republicans are big spenders and have done away with \$14 million between 1981-1982.  
Former Gov. Link's budget (to the 1981 Legislature) was an increase of 63 percent over his predecessor's. Measure No. 6 passed. Link predicted \$175 million at the end of 1983 — his forecast of \$175 million did not come in.  
The Republican Legislature cut \$20 million dollars from Link's budget. By executive order, Gov. Olson cut another \$50 million dollars from the cost of government. Without this cut the state would have been bankrupt.  
Gov. Olson presented his first budget to the Legislature. For the first time in the history of the state of North Dakota, that budget was based on the previous budget.  
The Democrats are trying to mislead the public. Check the records and you will see the facts.  
The Democrats are trying to resurrect the airplane issue. Which Gov. Olson did buy.  
In 1975, Gov. Link bought a 327 Cessna, and in 1977 he bought a 411 Cessna. The cost of these airplanes was hidden in the Highway Department's maintenance money and not publicly disclosed. The Republican legislators will tell you they are trying to care for the hidden appropriation for these planes.  
As for remodeling the governor's office — after 30 years — it was time to take the beautiful old measures to revitalize the beautiful old and make the entire office more functional. Every other office has been redone several times.  
Olivia Rhodes  
McHenry

### Life seen as relevant issue

Editor, Tribune: America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, has had 11 years of legal carnage producing a bitter harvest of broken, remorseful women. The criminal and unconstitutional Supreme Court decision in 1973 allowing abortion must be reversed, and for all time. Abortion is the worst form of child abuse, plain and simple, it is murder.  
We cry "peace" from nuclear holocaust, while we war against and exterminate the unborn of our species. We have become a desecrated and foolish people. "The great destroyer of peace today is the crime against the unborn child. In destroying the child, we are destroying the image of God in the World." (Mother Teresa)  
America, the most privileged people in the world, and look what we have come to. Americans involved in a "silent holocaust"; causing to death in Hitler's ovens, or getting slashed to death in the mother's womb, have come to reach, the oldest right.  
There has been a drastic moral and economic decline in this country since the highest judges of our state is talented, hard working, and fair minded. His opponent has never held a position of public trust in North Dakota.  
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many of them, and it was found that many of them were aborted after 20 weeks. This is legal since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled abortion is legal in all nine months of pregnancy. To this day, two years later, these babies have still not had a proper burial. The ACLU argued that religious service and burial was a violation of separation of church and state.

And the horror stories go on, while Geraldine Ferraro and others hang on to her infamy, I am morally appalled.  
Please America, vote pro-life. If our elected officials have more respect for animals than innocent unborn babies, who will be next, the handicapped, the blind, the aged? Think about it.

Virginia Doljak  
Bismarck

### Good rinsing is recommended

Editor, Tribune: Thank goodness the election is less than one week away. The tempers and apparently good judgment of many are wearing thin. One could hope that even under these trying circumstances people who work for public officials would act in a dignified manner. Mr. Darrell Williams appears to have totally disregarded good taste as well as good judgment in his recent remarks to a radio reporter. Upon being questioned regarding a recent press release by Ms. Heidi Heitkamp, the Democratic candidate for state auditor, Mr. Williams used a stream of obscenities culminating in a derogatory reference to Ms. Heitkamp as female genitalia.

It is of great concern to me that someone with this attitude has any influence at all.  
Ms. Heitkamp deserves an apology and Mr. Williams should sign up for some consciousness raising through his mouth has been rinsed out.  
Deborah Fehr LeVach, president  
Missouri Valley Chapter  
National Organization for Women  
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