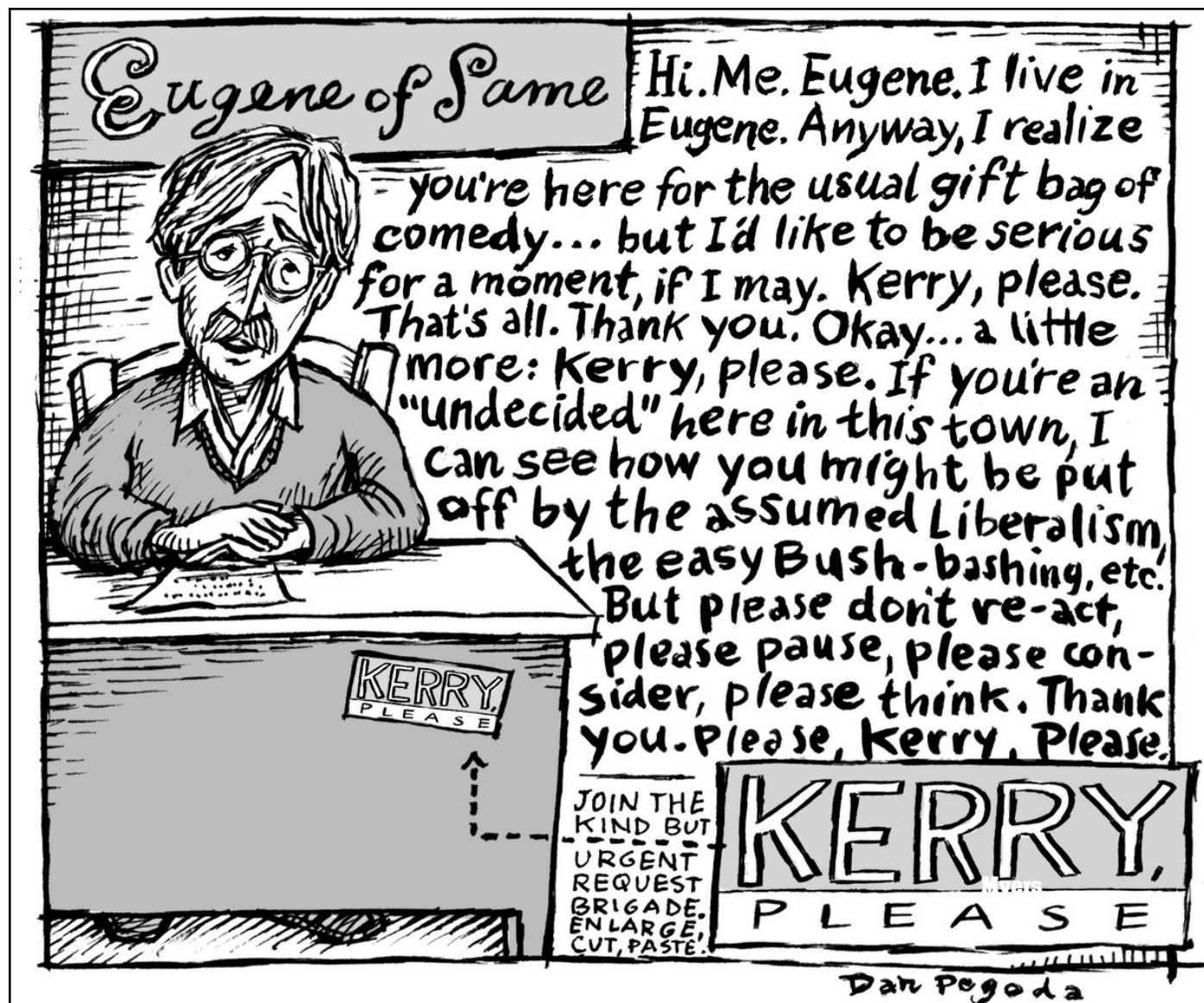


Endorsements

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Candidate Races



Kerry

U.S. President. John F. Kerry (D)

George Bush has shown himself to be unfit to govern. We didn't elect him before and should not do so this time. That makes it easy to vote for John Kerry. Kerry would select credible people to serve with him. The economy, defense, education, human services, health care, the environment and national security would turn around under new leadership. He would nominate judges who should be judges. He would rebuild our alliances with the people of the world. He would bring truth back into our government. He would honor separation of church and state.

Kerry is not a perfect candidate. We split with him over the war in Iraq and we regret his vote to give Bush authority to begin this despicable disaster. We have other differences, but they pale when compared with the prospect of four more years of Bush and Cheney.

In the next few weeks we hope American voters are savvy enough to see through "stunts" engineered by the present

administration to blur the long-term judgment in its disfavor. We salute and join with the thousands of Oregon campaign workers who are urging us to get out the vote for John Kerry and John Edwards.

U.S. Senate - Ron Wyden (D)

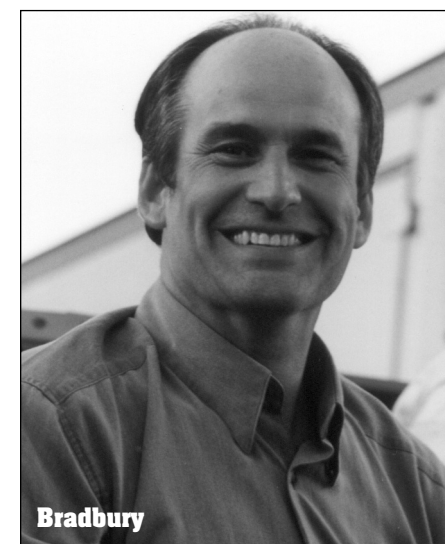
Ron Wyden's chummy relationship with Republican Sen. Gordon Smith hasn't left us excited about voting for him. But given the Republican choice, we're left biting our lip. Al King is a right-wing cattle rancher who would abolish the U.N. and Education Department. With King posing little challenge for Wyden, some Democrat voters may be tempted to cast a safe protest vote. Nurse practitioner Teresa Keane is the Pacific Green Party candidate with a platform of universal health care, environmental protection and peace.

U.S. Representative, 4th District.

Peter DeFazio (D)

For nearly two decades, DeFazio has served his district well as a populist voice for

the little guy against corporate profiteers. We only wish Democrats could seize the House to give him the clout to make real changes. DeFazio's opponent, Republican Jim Feldkamp, has run an energetic, half-million-dollar campaign. But we'd be surprised if his calls for more war, tax breaks for the rich and clearcuts find much traction against DeFazio's popularity.



Bradbury

Secretary of State. Bill Bradbury (D)

We've always appreciated Bill Bradbury as one of Oregon's finest public servants, and we see no reason to unseat him as secretary of state. Bradbury is strong on the environment, women's rights, campaign finance reform and education.

State Treasurer. Randall Edwards (D)

Three candidates running against him, a Republican, a libertarian, and a Constitution Party member, can't find any real issues to go after Edwards after his first term as state



DeFazio