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BUS PROJECT GETS SCARY

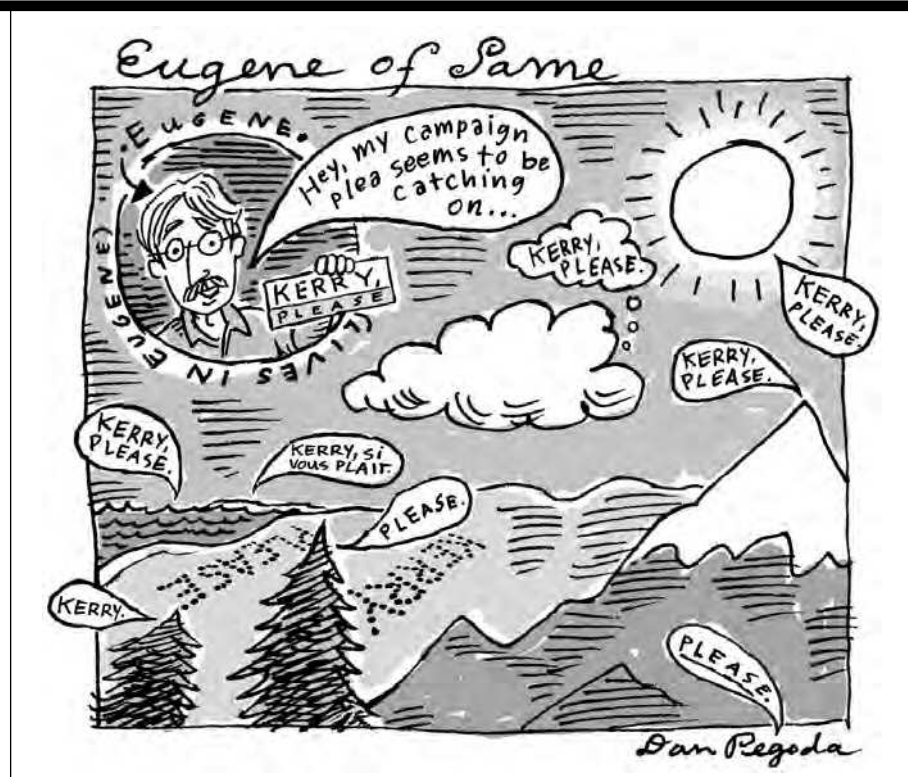
Guess who might show up at your doorstep Halloween night? Along with the usual Spider Men, Ninja Turtles and fairy princesses will be the scariest of all: political canvassers from the Oregon Bus Project — in costume.

“On Halloween we launch Trick or Vote,” says James Mattiace of the Bus Project in Eugene. “It’s the one day a year people expect someone to knock on their door, so we’re gonna. The point is to remind those who haven’t turned in their ballots to do so in the next 48 hours.”

More than 200 people of all ages have signed up to participate beginning around 5 pm Oct. 31. Canvassers will go door-to-door for three local legislative candidates, Bev Ficek, Phil Barnhart and Floyd Prozanski. To get involved, call 914-0293 or visit www.trickorvote.org

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

• In Steve Pardo’s letter to the editor last week, a typist made two errors. One was the



misspelling of “inbreeding” in the letter, and the other error was in the last line, which should have read, “Look within yourself.”

• An editing error in Sylvie Pederson’s story last week on photographer Gary Tepfer changed the meaning. A sentence in the paragraph at the top of page 57 should

have read, “Exceptions are *Canal, Kronstadt*, where the focus point is off-center and a dynamic sense of direction and depth is conveyed by converging diagonals; and the *Kazan Church* colonnade, where the eye is drawn in by diagonals and curves.”



LAWN SIGNS IRK PARTISANS

BY OMIE DRAWHORN

Every election season signs start popping up like weeds all over town, occupying previously barren yards. Landscaping of private homes and businesses becomes a means of political expression, and signs can be a source of contention between those with differing viewpoints. Sandpiper Imports, a local auto repair shop, is no exception.

Throughout the 20 years John Ebeling and Geri Baxter have owned Sandpiper, they’ve placed signs on the corner of their property at 13th and Lincoln. The signs lining the street this year support Democratic candidates, mayoral candidate Kitty Piercy, and “No on 36.”

Ebeling and Baxter say their signs have never openly offended any customers — until now. Baxter says she received an anonymous note criticizing the business for placing signs. “You people have thrown your far left wing radical socialist immoral agenda right out there for normal people to see!” read the note. The writer of the note went on to say he or she had two friends and a sister who were no longer cus-

tomers because of the signs.

“To do business with you is to do business with the enemies of this country,” it said.

When Baxter received the note, she was returning “jazzed” from the Michael Moore visit and was surprised. “I was shocked that people could be so hateful,” she said.

Ebeling agreed, adding that although they display political signs, “We generally don’t discuss political views with customers.”

Baxter said the letter was not specifically directed towards Sandpiper. “It was generic; it didn’t mention our name,” she said, adding that she thought the letter may have also been sent to other businesses.

Another conflict over lawn signs comes from a clause in the city code that reads “signs must be located on private property with the permission of the owner.”

This clause has raised questions of whether or not renters must seek the landlord’s permission before placing a political sign in their lawn.

Bob Cassidy, a landlord, is working on efforts to grant renters’ rights to place signs. Cassidy goes door to door, putting up lawn signs in the university area and has dealt with a number of renters.

“People were never sure whether their landlord would permit it,” he said.

Cassidy said renters should look in their rental agreement to find out whether they need permission. “If they are required to take care of the lawn, that answers the question,” he said, adding that taking care of the lawn means the renter can put signs up freely.

Cassidy said he remembers a situation in which he would place signs for a renter and they would disappear. Cassidy suspects the landlord took down the signs.

Eugene City Councilor David Kelly said the clause is not likely to change anytime soon. He said the reason the statement about owner’s permission is in the city code is because people believe it’s OK for them to put up an election sign in an empty lot, even if they have no idea who owns the property. But Kelly said he disagrees with this regulation.

“I don’t think a person’s right to express their feelings about elections should be influenced by whether they are a renter or an owner,” he said.

Kelly said theft of lawn signs is another concern.

According to Kerry Delf, spokesperson for the Eugene Police Department, 22 cases of sign theft have been reported since Sept. 1. Delf said four signs stolen supported John Kerry and nine supported Republican political candidates, including a “No on 36” sign with a swastika painted on it.

She said if caught, the perpetrators will be arrested. Stealing signs “is a bad way to express yourself politically,” she said.

During the primaries City Councilor Betty Taylor said all 200 of her signs were stolen, and police were unable to track down the thieves. “We heard rumors that a business person had their dock workers steal the signs,” she said.

“This was more than just minor theft,” she said. “Someone was trying to interfere with the election.”



EW ENDORSEMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

CANDIDATES

U.S. PRESIDENT

John Kerry

U.S. SENATOR

Ron Wyden

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 4

Peter DeFazio

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bill Bradbury

STATE TREASURER

Randall Edwards

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Hardy Myers

OREGON SENATE, DISTRICT 4

Floyd Prozanski

OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 8

Paul R. Holvey

OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 11

Phil Barnhart

OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 13

Robert Ackerman

OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 14

Bev Ficek

COUNTY COMMISSION POSITION 5

Don Hampton

EUGENE MAYOR

Kitty Piercy

STATEWIDE MEASURES

MEASURE 31

Delays election. YES

MEASURE 33

Medical marijuana. YES

MEASURE 34

Tillamook forests. YES

MEASURE 35

Limits medical liability. NO

MEASURE 36

Bans gay wedlock. NO

MEASURE 37

Abolishes land use planning. NO

MEASURE 38

Abolishes SAIF. NO

LOCAL MEASURES

MEASURE 20-88

Eugene police center. NO

MEASURE 20-90

School local option. YES

MEASURE 20-91

Springfield jail. NO

MEASURE 20-92

Glenwood plan. NO

MEASURE 20-100

Willamalane District. YES

This list does not include all the candidate races, nor all the rural and small town measures that might be on your ballot. More information on the election can be found in Voters' Pamphlets and various websites such as www.hwy.org and www.emoregon.org and www.olcv.org