

BIT OF HISTORY

In your 5/16 "Culture of Whiteness" cover story, you left out an important date in the "History of Eugene's Race Politics" chronology you put together. It was May 17, 1988 when Jesse Jackson received the most votes of any candidate in Lane County's Democratic Presidential Primary. Thought it was worth mentioning.

Bob Saltz
Eugene

WHO BENEFITTED?

We should base our opinion on 9/11 not on speculation or lies but on science and motivation. Who had the greatest financial motivation for 9/11? Who had the greatest political motivation for 9/11? Who did the most cover up on 9/11? Who holds the most secrets for 9/11? Who stage-managed the 9/11 investigation after fighting for no investigation at all? Who has resisted bringing true science into the investigation? Who resisted bringing bomb and demolition experts into the investigation? The answer is blowing in the winds of corruption and dominion.

The answer is the Bushies to all of the above questions. The preponderance of the

evidence in answer to all the above questions points to the Bushies. If we had an impeachment trial for the Bushies, proof and preponderance would squarely point to the Bushies. IMPEACH!

Bob Saxton
Eugene

RESPECT! THE TROOPS!

I could honestly care less what your political affiliation is! You could be a Democrat, Republican, fascist, communist, anarchist, monarchist, liberal or conservative, and if you are on drugs, then perhaps all of the above!

My point is as follows: As Americans we sometimes take things for granted and can appear to be spoiled brats! In the great scheme of things, we have an abundance of freedom and privilege, and we more often than not, take that for granted! We as a whole do not fully comprehend nor respect that the men and women in our armed forces give us what we have! These brave people certainly deserve our respect. They are not political! They just follow orders! And traditionally our soldiers might have even possibly liberated a few world citizens that may have otherwise

STEWART'S DECIDING VOTE

On Wednesday, June 7, I had the rare privilege of watching my County Commissioner Faye Stewart cast the deciding vote to approve his father's Measure 37 claim on the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

Let me make it clear that I had no idea that the Stewart M37 claim was on the agenda of the County Commission work session. I had shown up out of interest of another M37 issue near Svarverud Road where I used to live.

To his credit, Commissioner Stewart did originally declare a "conflict of interest," but he must have known of the "rule of necessity" that would require him to cast the deciding vote. I am not the tiniest bit surprised at Commissioner Stewart's vote. I would have been shocked if he had joined with Commissioners Dwyer and Sorenson in voting against his daddy.

I am sure I am not the only one who figured out that if the Stewart family waited for Commissioner-elect Bill Fleenor to replace Anna Morrison, the 3-2 vote might not have been such a lead pipe pinch.

While nothing illegal took place at the commissioners' work session, it wouldn't have smelled nearly as bad if the public had been notified so interested parties could have watched Stewart vote for familial gain. As it was, I was the only individual present who wasn't paid to be there.

The R-G story Sunday, June 4, says that Bruce Stewart gave Faye at least one plot of land previously. Does Commissioner Stewart get more out of this M37 windfall? If he does, then it will be through legally using his office to vote the approval that makes it happen. He is using his office to try to give us a nice countywide sales tax.

The only truly correct thing for Stewart to have done would have been to vote against his father's M37 claim when compelled to vote. Better yet, the board should have sent the thing off to Circuit Court.

Where I work, I get annual training about avoiding even the appearance of an ethics violation. Commissioner Stewart's actions clearly fill this definition. Although many of his constituents undoubtedly see no problem with voting for relatives' interests in elected office, it will never quite stand close scrutiny in the bright light of day for many of us. Let us remind Stewart of this decision should he ever decide to run for re-election.

Commissioner Stewart, do the right thing and resign your office. Shame, shame, shame.

Norm Maxwell
Lorane

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