

new storefronts that we *could* be living and working and shopping in, if they only existed. We imagine being able to raise our children in the downtown, small footprint, community oriented lifestyle we want to give them — a little piece of city nestled in the middle of the natural wonder that is the Willamette Valley — without having to move to Portland like so many of our 30-something, professional friends have done.

The good things about downtown Eugene will not disappear with revitalization, because the people that make Eugene so amazing will want to stay and live and work and play there.

*Kimberly Harper-Kennedy
Eugene*

THE FLIP OF HIP

Will Nagy's Oct. 18 letter touched a long-dormant nerve, and I salute his admirable outlook. My advice? Pay no heed to the arrogant latter-day hippie woman encountered at the McDonald Theatre's concert honoring the Grateful Dead. She is merely the flip side of the archconservative fundamentalist right-winger.

When the hippie movement first surfaced, we of the Kerouac beatnik era were not quite the establishment, but we were rapidly becoming passé. All the same, I was delighted with the hippies and flower children, their social revolution, humanism, progressive thinking, "doing your own thing." After a time, though, they passed the once-distrusted 30 mark and themselves became the establishment, with their own unprecedented rules of conformity. Hairstyle, dress code and behavior were rigorously prescribed. Oh, yes, do your own thing, but beware if it's not the same as my thing.

Apropos, I really enjoy the jamming Saturday Market drummers in the Morse Courthouse Square. But I harbor a wicked fantasy of waltzing into the group with my djembe or shekere flaunting a traditional short, tapered-neck haircut, business suit, Windsor-knotted tie and an attaché case to carry my claves, maracas and agogos. I chicken out but, in all fairness, I believe they would be totally accepting beyond, at most, a gentle, sidelong rolling of the eyes.

Now in my 70s, I like to quote the unknown wag who said, "Sexagenarians are in their sexy years, but septuagenarians are in the septic age." In my septic opinion, the bottom line of all debate, more so the hate-mongering woman in question than Mr. Nagy: "I am better than you are."

*Jim Wood
Eugene*

CAN'T ESCAPE

It's happening again: People in our forest valleys are getting sick from timber companies' fall herbicide poison. We have documented 655,572 acres of Oregon forestland sprayed this year. At this level of saturation, human contact with poisons is not accidental; it is inevitable.

We call on the EPA and our elected officials to protect us, and the timber companies to stop this madness.

*Forestland Dwellers
Lynn Bowers
Robin Winfree
Rural Eugene*

MEDDLING DOWNTOWN

Local government interference stifles development in downtown Eugene. The constant meddling by local bureaucrats has disrupted the balance of the downtown real estate market. Through the use of subsidies and promises of subsidies, prices have climbed to a point that requires subsidies in order to make projects pencil out. It's time to break this vicious cycle and vote no on measure 20-134, the newest \$40 million subsidy.

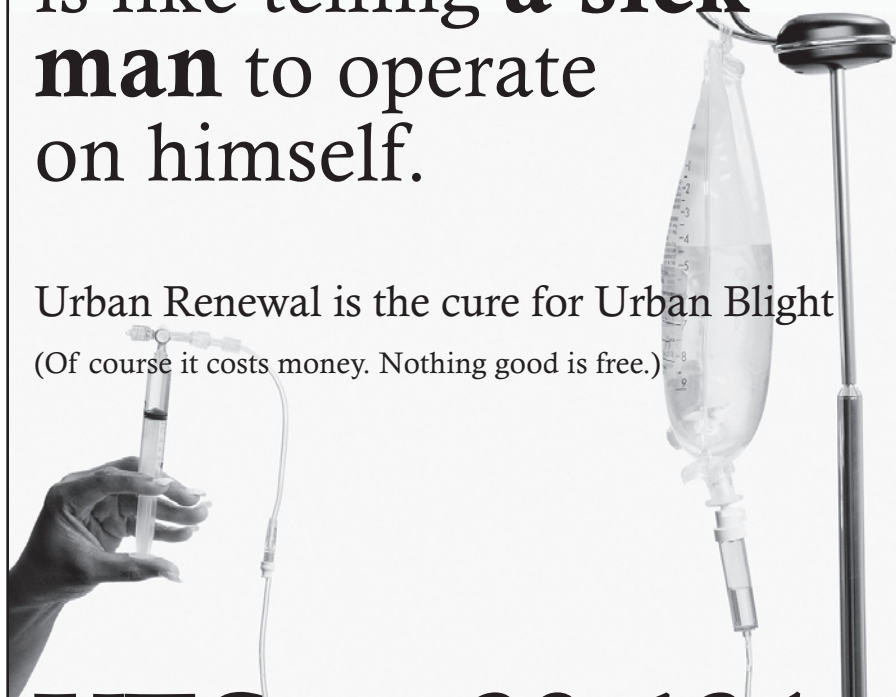
The cheerleaders for measure 20-134 falsely claim that it will not raise taxes or cost you anything. Horse pucky! The developers are asking for a 10 year tax exemption for all residential portions of this proposal, which means for 10 years the rest of us will be paying for all the services, schools and roads that are provided to the 400 new residences for free. Remember the Broadway Place apartments at Broadway and Chamelton? Those apartments still pay zero property taxes.

Please join me in voting no on measure 20-134.

*Paul Cauthorn
Eugene*

Voting No on **20-134** is like telling a **sick man** to operate on himself.

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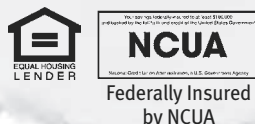
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