

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

poverty, fear and cynicism prove the point at home. How do we find our way again as a country?

How about turning towards what is good, true and beautiful? Of course that is as difficult as the terms are debatable. But isn't the first step on that path to turn sharply away from the ugliness, lies and corruption of the Bush administration and his party?

Just take a minute to gaze at the beauty of the trees this fall and ask yourself if you wouldn't want to do something that bold and gorgeous. Here's a chance. Turn away from the currently corrupt Republican Party and chart a new course. Put aside fear. Re-imagine liberty, equality and justice for all. Vote resoundingly towards a new north for America.

Kara Steffensen
Eugene

DECONSTRUCTIVE THEFT

An open letter to the sign-thief, who, as of this letter, has absconded with seven Obama/Biden lawn signs. Here's my recommendation to you: Why don't you put your energy into constructively supporting your candidate, like volunteering at their campaign headquarters, walking precincts, wearing a lapel pin, pasting a bumper sticker on your vehicle, pledging your support with a lawn sign, writing a letter to the editor or ringing my doorbell to discuss our choice differences? Since I was old enough to vote, my politics were expressed by my single voice on the ballot.

This election I modulated my voice by displaying banners for Barack Obama and Joe Biden on my private property. Unlike previous elections, this election has tremendous import, greater even than the election that snared me away from family and community my freshman college year during Vietnam. If you are stealing Obama/Biden signs in the name of your candidate or because you are a bigot, how does your cowardly, thief-in-the-night activity benefit you, our community or your candidate? I have since added a postscript to my homemade sign: DO NOT let me catch you. Obama lawn sign: \$8. Catching the sign-thief: priceless.

Michael Thessen
Eugene

IMMATURE SIGNS

Oh, those immature signs on River Road are back again. They look like they were conceived and executed for and by a junior high class presidential campaign. "Don't Get Robbed" is a lame reference to Rob Handy showing a highway robber with a bandanna over his face and a cowboy hat. The less said about "No More Kitty Litter" the better.

The crowning achievement is that they feel they need to be secured behind chain-link fencing with barbed wire on top! It leads one to believe that it's on the same commercial property as Graffiti Alley. Shame on Graffiti Alley. Shame on Jim Torrey. Shame on Lane County Republicans.

I take back the junior high analogy; it's an insult to junior high students.

Glenn Leonard
Eugene

PIERCY FOR EUGENE

I am so disappointed to see that the R-G has failed to highlight the many businesses, jobs, awards and hope for the future of Eugene that Kitty Piercy has brought to Eugene during her tenure as mayor. She has been widely praised for her Sustainable Business Initiative. Companies that share those goals are showing increased interest in locating here. But this important initiative will come to an abrupt halt if Jim Torrey is elected. Torrey's campaign has been massively fueled by wealthy, shortsighted land developers who are not interested in a sustainable Eugene.

Remember, Eugene voters, Torrey is and has been a Bush loyalist who listens only to those in his rich inner circle. His "political steamroller" is attempting to overwhelm an election by a plethora of ads blatantly smearing and lying about Mayor Piercy. We can count on Piercy to speak the truth; the Torrey campaign has shown us that we cannot count on him for the same.

We need Mayor Piercy now more than ever to develop our city in a sustainable, responsible way. Eugene stands for positive, responsible growth and development; Piercy has always stood for those same principles.

Nancy Curran
Eugene

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