Petersen's opponent, a seven-term incumbent, sits in Salem while Oregon lags behind the nation in recovery from the recession. Petersen believes Oregon leadership must do more to care for our most vulnerable, instead of wasting millions on stumbles like the Columbia Crossing or Cover Oregon. As a former finance officer in the Air Force, Petersen is greatly concerned about accountability and balancing the budget.

We need our legislators to be socially and fiscally responsible. That's why I'm voting for Andy Petersen!

Heidi Christian
Springfield

HEART OF THE WHIT?

A recent ad for a home for sale in "the heart of the Whit" seems to me to be a blatant false advertisement. Last time I checked the Whiteaker neighborhood ends at 7th Avenue.

So, unless Google Earth is wrong, this house is not even in the Whit much less at the heart of it. So I say to this person, as I say to everyone who wants to come down here and make a buck off of the recent gentrification of our home: Get the hell out of our neighborhood!

Michael Life
Eugene

GETTING EVEN

The Ferguson Police Department has two Humvees for a town of 60,000. Eugene only has one for our city of 160,000. It seems to me we need at least six to be safe to attain the same sense of security as our sister city in Missouri.

Without the necessary ordinance, the bourgeoisie University District would be vulnerable to an armed insurrection backed by the Brewery Cartel from the Whiteaker neighborhood and could bring the East Side Story to its knees, enforcing its panhandling ideals on the resident population.

Vince Loving
Eugene

CONTRARY DEMOCRATS

Before donating to, endorsing and casting votes for Oregon Democrat politicians, environmentally conscious voters and environmental organizations need to examine the Democrats' contrary positions — possibly without precedent — regarding an array of environmental issues.

For instance, the entire Oregon congressional delegation, Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, voted to publicly fund the proliferation of nuclear power across the nation via an Oregon-based company called Nuscale. In February 2014 through a legislative rider Wyden successful suspended the Clean Water Act for the timber industry.

Also in the 2014 Farm Bill, Democrats successfully passed a salvage logging rider (Section 8204) suspending many environmental safeguards upon 45 million acres of national forests.

Reps. Peter DeFazio and Kurt Schrader and Wyden and Gov. John Kitzhaber are actively proposing to remove 2.6 million acres of BLM O&C lands from Northwest Forest Plan rules and regulations. Kitzhaber is proposing to sell off the entire 90,000 acre Elliott State Forest. Kitzhaber's campaign received more than $70,000 in December 2013 from Oregon's biggest timber operators, including Weyerhaeuser.

Schrader — representing south Portland, Salem and Newport — is Congress's largest recipient of campaign cash from Weyerhaeuser and International Paper. Based on these anti-environmental policies and the huge donations (bribes) from destroyers of the natural world, will the Sierra Club and Oregon League of Conservation Voters, as well as lessor influential entities, endorse these Oregon Democrats? If they do endorse, does this constitute negligence and malpractice as nonprofit organizations being paid to protect our rivers, ancient ecosystems, wildlife, air and water?

Shannon Wilson
Eugene

A REASON FOR 'UNETHICAL MEAT'

In response to Ms. McDaniel's letter of 9/11 regarding veal, it is important to understand where and why there is veal available. Anyone consuming bovine dairy products is supporting the veal industry. The calves are byproducts of cows bred over and over to produce milk for humans. The calves are jerked away from their mothers and sent to be fattened and slaughtered. Think twice about the next glass of cow's milk you drink.

Alice Williams
Eugene

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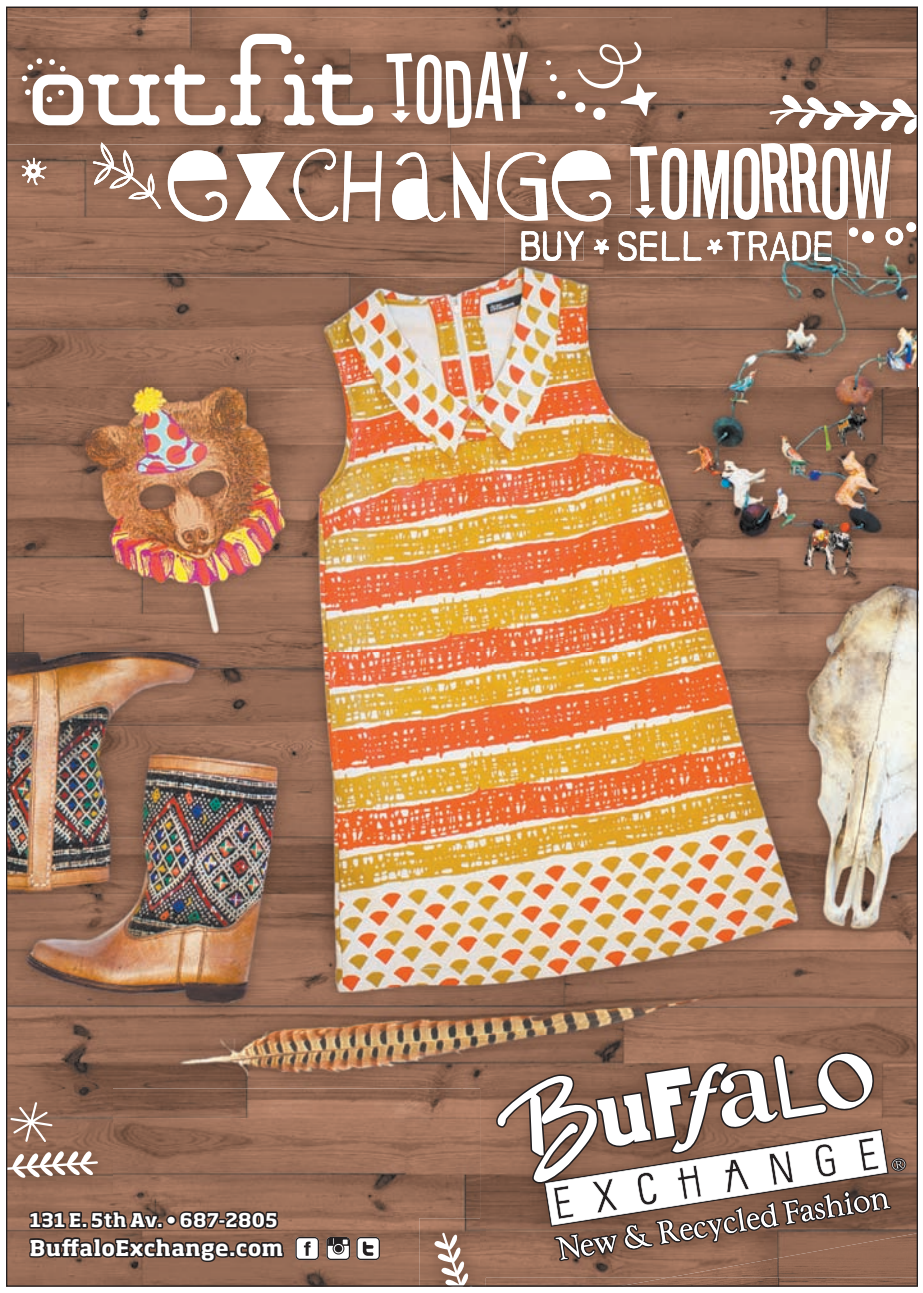
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