

## BRAVE COVER

I am a senior at the University of Oregon majoring in journalism, history and political science. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in determining today's cover. Given the grim results of the presidential election this week and the protests that proceeded, today's cover could not have been more appropriate. I appreciate your bravery and journalistic integrity. This made my day.

Nicole Bales  
Eugene

## KLCC CALL OUT

Thank you for your 11/10 cover. It was bleak (appropriately) but very powerful and supportive. Eugene certainly needs one newspaper willing to recognize our political situation for what it is and stand by its progressive outlook and cover local activism.

Thank you KWVA for continuing to air Democracy Now! every weekday morning at 7 am. And Anarchy Radio.

Thank you Jefferson Public Radio for airing the Diane Rehm show and the following call-in show.

Thank you KLCC for ... for ... for what? Eliminating local call-in radio? Eliminating Alternative Radio? For devoting seven-and-a-half hours every day to National Pablum Radio news? For filling hours and repeated hours with game show news and shows where weird people tell weird stories about weird things? KLCC subscribers, it's your call. Do you think that stuff is going to help you make it through the coming consolidation of the alt-right, the Koch brothers and the Donald? I think KLCC needs to do a lot better.

Jere C. Rosemeyer  
Eugene

## DOOR IS OPEN

I got a good laugh when reading the *Weekly* and I found myself described by Marshall Wilde as "malevolent." Surprising he had such an opinion since I have never even had a conversation with Mr.

Wilde. I checked LinkedIn and found only one person in Eugene with that name. I would hope this Marshall is not the same as the former City Club president, especially since City Club's goal was "dedicated to civil public discourse." Most definitely could not be the same person whose LinkedIn profile stated that when in the military he "led civilian/military multinational team negotiating with the Afghan government" and "mediated policy disputes between international partners." No, couldn't be him, a brilliant legal mind wouldn't be careless with words and then print them in a public newspaper. Marshall, if someone is surreptitiously signing your name to letters to the editor, perhaps you should ask them to stop and apologize for damaging your public image. If it was really you, Marshall, who wrote that letter, my door is open for a real conversation if you actually want to know what Our Money Our Transit is actually opposing. Perhaps we can find some common ground if you actually took the time to have a conversation.

Bob Macherione  
Eugene

## BIKE NOW

I appreciated Amy Klarup's feature on bicycling in Eugene — but I hope people don't take home the wrong message from it.

Certainly, Eugene has a long way to go before everyone will feel comfortable riding a bike everywhere, at any time — but that certainly doesn't mean that it's unsafe to ride a bike here.

During much of every day, even our major streets with bike lanes have very light traffic. Meanwhile, almost anyone would feel comfortable pedaling through the quiet streets of most neighborhoods. And unlike many cities, you can ride Eugene's off-street paths to reach important destinations.

Maybe you don't want to ride to work or school, using the same streets you drive on. That's fine. But could you get there riding on quieter streets, and maybe walking

your bike across that one scary intersection? Or if you drive to work, could you use a bike for some other short trips that you do when traffic is lighter?

Don't wait until Eugene looks like Copenhagen to try traveling by bike. Do it now, when you can and where you're comfortable. Why should Denmark get all the clean air, healthy bodies and smiling faces?

Sue Wollong  
Eugene

## SILVER LININGS

Let's not overlook some good news from last week's election results: The upcoming nuclear winter (remember that one, fellow baby boomers?) precipitated by the impending global nuclear holocaust (aka World War Tweek(t)) will bring a swift (albeit temporary) end to global warming.

Apparently, even mushroom clouds have silver linings. Cheers, everyone!

Brian McCall  
Eugene

## TOO SNARKY

I felt vindicated by the well-written criticisms of the Best of Eugene issue printed last week, but it was my beloved's relating her reaction to reading about "The Skipper" that has me writing. You see, I have a couple of "Oregon Fisherman" caps made by Hat People, one of which I purchased at one of H.P.'s rare appearances at Saturday Market, but they are regulars at Holiday Market. I bought them because they are locally made and great for my outdoor life and work, not because I wanted to be marked a "predator."

Yeah — and I have a grey ponytail, which I grew back in Ronnie Raygun's day after a member of a friend's church was beaten to death by skinheads in my neighborhood in Portland (Mulageta Seraw was Ethiopian).

And I drive a 2005 Prius I inherited when my partner died of lung cancer in 2012. So I fit the type perfectly, enough that it has been commented on. Were y'all

trying to out-snark the *Portland Mercury* or what? Our society has some hot buttons — like child abuse — that are easily pressed and can cause presumption of guilt. Am I a predator if I look like "skipper" or just an old longhair who likes a good wool hat because I work outdoors?

Rick Valley  
Eugene

## SAGE ADVICE

I was surprised and pleased to read *EW*'s call to listen to both the supporters and opponents of President-Elect Trump and to "move forward" ("Slant," 11/10). Sage advice, and I commend *EW* for it, especially knowing the *EW* staff's feelings about the election result.

Some advice to the college and high school students both locally and nationwide who are protesting the outcome of a democratic election: Peaceful protest is fine, but resorting to rioting and mayhem is exactly the kind of behavior that drove many voters to Trump. It's what we've seen some on the left do repeatedly when they don't get their way. You didn't see conservative mobs taking to the streets when President Obama was elected.

In the real world — unlike the sheltered and coddled world in which you live — there are winners and losers. Not everybody gets a trophy. If you don't recognize that now, you will eventually.

Jerry Ritter  
Springfield

## REGRETTABLE MISTAKE

Professor Nancy Shurtz, clearly not a racist, is an ally of those most stridently calling for her resignation. She made a regrettable mistake for which she has apologized.

Constitutional First Amendment freedom of speech and academic freedom, the hearts and souls of a university, are being weakened nationwide by top-level administrators in misguided attempts to insure that students are protected from feeling uncomfortable or upset. Frankly, however, such policies are ludicrous.



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