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• It's an oft-repeated accusation, a drum beaten by the Trumpians, that **undocumented immigrants don't pay taxes and are a drain on the U.S. economy.** The reverse is true. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy's most recent report released March 1, "Undocumented immigrants contribute significantly to state and local taxes, collectively paying an estimated \$11.74 billion a year." The study shows that between 50 and 75 percent of undocumented immigrants currently pay personal income taxes using either an individual tax identification number or a false social security number. The researchers point out that "granting legal status to all undocumented immigrants in the United States as part of a comprehensive immigration reform and allowing them to work legally would increase their state and local tax contributions by an estimated \$2.18 billion a year."

• **Half as many reporters are working in American media** now as we had only 15 years ago. That's a fact UO Journalism instructor Todd Milbourn delivered to the City Club of Eugene April 17 in the program on "Editing Your News Feeds: Facts, Alternative Facts, Propaganda and Just Plain BS." We understand that good reporting is expensive, so that's what goes first in a revenue squeeze. But journalism schools and the media, understandably, never tell us the profit margin still enjoyed by owners, who were collecting as much as 25 percent, even 30 percent, profit a few years ago. Newspapers were cash cows. Maybe the profit margin is still high enough that responsible ownership could continue funding solid reporting and content?

• Twenty-seven residents of Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart's east Lane County district have **applied for the seat he's vacating on the board.** Applications to fill George Poling's recently vacated northeast Eugene City Council seat opened April 11. Let's hope the city position, which pays \$14,528 to the County Commission's \$84,000 plus benefits, is also met with enthusiasm.

• It's amazing that more than 300 supporters of books and kids lunched at Valley River Inn on April 6 to raise money for the **Imagination Library of Eugene**, a project started nationally by Dolly Parton to give every child a book a month from birth to age five. Since Imagination Library of Eugene launched in 2014, it has served more than 4,000 kids at a current cost of \$186,000. This year's board needs to raise about \$95,000. Doug Barber and David Marcus are co-chairs. While this project sprouts out of the Eugene Public Library, we learned with dismay that all libraries in Douglas County will shut down for lack of operating funds. Where are the voters there who care about books and kids?

• Kudos to the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival** and to playwright **Lynn Nottage** for winning the Pulitzer Prize for drama this week for her play *Sweat*, which explores the social problems created by industrial decline. A co-commission by OSF and by Arena Theatre in D.C., the play made its world premiere at the Shakespeare festival's Angus Bowmer Theatre in Ashland in 2015 before opening at Broadway's Studio 54 last month. The award is Nottage's second; she won the Pulitzer for drama in 2009 for her play *Ruined*, which was later produced at OSF in 2010.

ACTIVIST ALERT

• Oregonians for Science and Reason is offering a three-part workshop to help attendees develop a more critical eye towards social media content and current news. OSR says that the classes are designed to arm you with skills to identify fallacies in reasoning, recognize fake news, fact-check information, find reliable sources and improve communication skills. The classes run 11 am to 2:30 pm Saturday April 15, April 29 and May 13 at the Amazon Community Center, multipurpose room, 2700 Hilyard Street in Eugene. The fee for the class is \$20, with some scholarships available on the basis of need. Space is limited to 22 students and registration is required. RSVP to OSR on meetup.com, or contact Jeanine DeNoma at wilkinsa@peak.org or 541-760-2822.

• On Monday, April 17, Rep. Peter DeFazio will hold a Florence Town Hall meeting from 11 am until 12:30 pm at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street.

• The next open meeting for people interested in a new downtown cohousing for adults 55 and over is noon, Saturday, April 22. Info at eugenecohousingdowntown@gmail.com or 541-344-5751. Cohousing Open House Day this year is Saturday, April 29, allowing visitors to tour cohousing communities in Portland and Corvallis. See cohousing.org/openhouse2017/communities.

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Family Day will be filled with art activities for children of all ages and will draw inspiration from the exhibition *Pour it On! Watercolors from the West*.

Join us at 11 a.m. for a reception for *NewArt Northwest Kids!*



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Schedule of Events

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

NewArt Northwest Kids
artist reception

1–1:45 p.m.

Ridgeline Ukulele
Extravaganza

12 p.m.–3 p.m.

Art Activities

Watercolor Seascapes with
Linda Rothchild Ollis

Art with the Athletes:
Watercolor Landscapes

Torn Paper Landscapes

Art Activity with Artie the Art Bus

1:45–2:15 p.m.

Museum Highlights Tour
Tours available in English,
French, and Spanish

2:15–2:45 p.m.

Ballet Fantastique –
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12:30–12:50 p.m.

Story Time with Cynthia Olsen,
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