

THE ONLY GOOD REPUBLICAN

In the recent edition, you print an editorial urging the ouster of Greg Walden from Congress (12/4). But then you give Pat Farr, an equally evil Republican, a nice photo op where he pretends to give a shit about homeless people.

The only good Republican is a defeated Republican. Please don't give these scumbags any positive press.

Doug Hintz
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PICK YOUR BATTLES

The controversy over the Jesus banner downtown is a distraction. There are bigger fish to fry.

Suppose the opponents of the banner were to prevail and get it taken down, then what? The "fake president" is still in the White House. Racists, Nazis and misogynists corrupt the national discourse. Greedy corporations rob the people and degrade the environment.

However imperfect, our system of government of, by and for the people has been a force for good. But we the people have gotten lazy and let lobbyists, gas-lighters and criminals corrupt and dominate the system. It will take a mighty effort from all quarters of society to take it back.

Whatever your issue with organized religion, you must remember there are plenty of Christians who believe in equality and social justice. Instead of alienating them, let's join with them to fight the greater evil.

Brook Adams
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POLITICAL MANIPULATION

Bonny Bettman McCornack opposed the 2015 library levy tax increase: "The library is like mom and apple pie ... difficult to speak against. ... but I don't like being manipulated," KLCC 8/28/15.

Emily Semple opposed the library levy tax ... "when so many people are homeless," KLCC 8/28/15.

Now McCornack advocates for an elected city auditor, a tax increase of a reported \$600,000 per year and a reach up to ... well, nobody seems to know where its authority stops.

A tax increase! How else to cover this chunk of money subtracted from a zero-sum city budget with only a hope for payback. Worse than a levy. Semple is not taking a position regarding this imposing tax, this time, even when so many more people are homeless.

The auditor issue may not be "mom and apple pie," but it's being marketed as such in what is, I believe, a Eugene "political family feud," to gain control of city government from this City Council, future councils and the city manager. And, the über-auditor can itself be audited, only by another election. Think about that!

I stand with Bonny Bettman McCornack: "I don't like being manipulated."

Richard Guske
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GREED REIGNS SUPREME

Debra McGee's letter "Merkley Listens" (12/21) ignores the fact that Sen. Jeff

Merkley believes we should not burn fossil fuels for energy; we should burn the human food supply instead. That is the perverse logic of our political establishment that thinks it was a dandy idea to make cars and trucks our competitors for food in a world where more than one-third of the human population is severely malnourished.

Global biofuel farming has raised the cost of fertilizer, farmland and food all over the world. Malnutrition is the world's foremost cause of avoidable premature death, and the primary cause of avoidable mental retardation in children.

Biofuel farming is eroding away the last remaining half of our prime Midwest topsoil, helping kill off the bees through increased pesticide use, and increases both water and air pollution while giving us lower gas mileage and more engine repair bills.

It takes lots of fossil fuels to produce ethanol and biodiesel, so the idea that bio-fuels are a viable alternative to fossil fuels is beyond insanity.

The biofuel industry is powered by empty-headed green symbolism and massive corporate greed.

Christopher Calder
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NORTH KOREAN PLANT

I hear that Jon Ruiz is banishing the image of Garrison Keillor, just to be on the safe side?

I contacted Minnesota public broadcasting to learn the full extent of Garri-

son's transgressions. I was informed that all of this has been worked out in a secret trial. His sexual misconduct must have been so grave that a sensitive person such as myself might suffer a stroke if exposed to the details.

I always thought secret trials were not the American way of doing things. Convicting the accused based on secret evidence and that sort of thing: that's the sort of thing that goes on in North Korea, isn't it?

Golly, now I am beginning to wonder if Jon Ruiz might not be a covert North Korean agent. I better copy this letter to Mayor Lucy Vinis so that she can protect us from civil servants who might be communist plants.

I doubt that Ruiz really is a North Korean agent, but we should err on the side of caution.

I know that the Eugene Weekly policy is that letters to the editor should be signed. But I think this is a special case: One does not want to risk getting on the wrong side of the North Korean secret service for sure!

And yet our mayor really should be warned of possible communist evildoers who might be hiding in plain sight in our city's bureaucracy.

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