

Problematically, Sinclair Broadcasting mandates that local news stations promote a particular political point of view both in “must-read” statements and mandatory “news” segments. I believe local audiences are not aware of how Sinclair’s control of local stations can affect the independence and integrity of our local news.

While Sinclair’s interference with local journalistic independence goes back two decades, it has become increasingly problematic in the age of President Trump. *The Washington Post* reported in 2016 that Sinclair stations gave more airtime to favorable reports of Trump than to his political opponents. Many of those reports were distributed to local stations as “must-run” segments.

Personally, as a longtime fan of KVAL News, it pains me to say that it is imperative to protect democratic values and the free press by sending a message to Sinclair in one way or another.

For my part, I will no longer view KVAL, KMTR or any other Sinclair-owned station.

Geoffrey Barrett
Eugene

BIG NO TO “O”

Please reassure me that the proposed 2020 Democratic ticket of Joe Biden for president and Oprah Winfrey for vice-president (Slant, 3/22) was a prequel to your *Eugene Guillotine* issue (3/29).

Don’t you see that Winfrey has a lot in

common with President Trump? Both are TV personalities with no background or knowledge of how government works on any level from local to international. Both have made a lot of money using their name as a brand. Neither one is fit for the highest elective offices.

The difference is that Winfrey is a nice person — which is the last word I’d use to describe Donald Trump.

And Biden? Come on, it’s time for all the Democrats in their 70s and 80s to step into the role of “Elder Statesperson” and let the young politicians (50 and 60 year olds) move up into higher offices.

Candace Shorack
Eugene

PROTECT OUR WATER

I have been involved in trying to protect our pristine drinking water source for decades and I plan on continuing into the future, but at some point, others will have to be a champion for the cause

Our beautiful McKenzie River provides some of the purest drinking water in the United States. It makes no sense to put chemicals into water to clean it; why not keep it clean in the first place?

EWEB has long been a good steward of our drinking water source and it is imperative that we continue to be vigilant in maintaining the quality of that source while realizing the McKenzie provides great recreational, wildlife and fisheries opportunities.

EWEB provides two main products and services: water and electricity. Both are vital to our community and soon you will have a choice to elect an individual who will help guide us into the future of these services.

While we have three qualified candidates, I believe one person stands above the others, as she has a demonstrated capacity for leadership and a commitment to fiscal and environmental responsibility. She has a willingness to listen to her constituents and reflect their values. She is committed to reducing our carbon footprint.

I have confidence that Mindy Schlossberg will continue to make it a high priority that we have clean drinking water into the future. Please join me in voting for Mindy Schlossberg for the EWEB at-large position.

John H. Brown
Eugene

HELPING THE YOUNG

I recently heard about a new nonprofit called CORE (Community Outreach through Radical Empowerment). From their Facebook page it says, “CORE is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting, empowering and advocating for young people in Eugene who are surviving the effects of poverty and homelessness.”

Upon further investigation, CORE does outreach in Eugene once a week in downtown and specifically targets individuals aged 16-30. In Lane County we have little

to no resources for young adults dealing with these issues, and I am personally ecstatic that CORE is taking the lead on this.

Our young people are the future of our world, and it is of the utmost importance that Eugene takes care of its own. I hope our community does what it can to support this much needed program grow.

Dana Cook
Eugene

CHALLENGING INJUSTICE

While ideally the courts are the arbiters of justice, we know that justice is not always served. And like many laws, many judges are imperfect. That’s why we must challenge and change them.

An unjust law that allows poisoning of people and environment must be challenged and changed. An elected judge who repeatedly sides with timber industry cronies must be challenged and removed.

In response to the Bill Gary’s op-ed (*Register-Guard*, 4/3) slamming Ann Kneeland, attorney for the Spray Ban advocates, it was Kneeland who held the moral high ground in court, as she challenged the status quo, by revealing how the law rewards big corporations over the people.

Did Kneeland attack the integrity of the system? Yes, she did, and we remain grateful to her for exposing the tired system that remains unbending when it is clearly way past time to bend.

This is an object lesson, Good People.



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