

Laws are not cast in stone. Our laws must be relevant and just.

If not for the courageous challengers of the past, we would still have slavery, Jim Crow, women without the vote and many more examples of unjust laws that are now in the dustbin of history.

*Michelle Holman
Deadwood*

COLLISION COURSE

For Earth Day (April 22) let us understand that what is commonly called “sustainability” isn’t really sustainable. When scrutinized through the lens of a more rigorous set of criteria, we discover that genuine, meaningful sustainability is a dauntingly complex, remote, far-flung ideal.

But as difficult as it will be, we will achieve sustainability because we have no choice in the matter. Sustainability is not optional. Whatever we don’t do voluntarily, we will do involuntarily.

The longer we wait, the more difficult the transition to sustainability will be, so we have every reason to stop making excuses and get on with the difficult task at hand.

While technologies will certainly emerge to help us achieve sustainability, merely assuming that technology will save the day is wildly optimistic to the point of irresponsibility.

Of course, any politician attempting to bring about 10 percent of the needed change will be committing political suicide, so our “leaders” can’t be expected to do anything meaningful about sustainability. Therefore, it appears that much of humankind’s transition to sustainability will be involuntary.

Fasten your seat belts. The juggernaut of civilization with its delusional clown and sociopath leaders is about to collide with reality.

*Robert Bolman
Eugene*

ODE TO SPRINGFIELD

Thank you for the great articles about Springfield. The city and business working together made the progress possible. Maybe the city of Eugene could gain by following the examples of Springfield and the Whit to revitalize downtown Eugene. I avoid it much like the pasts of the Whit and downtown Springfield.

I first moved to “felony flats” in 1974, then Springtucky the next year. After 43 years of living in the ugly stepsister, it is nice to see some positive reporting. The Springfield downtown is a nice place to go for a meal and enjoy.

*John Culver
Springfield*

GIVE US AN INDIE AUDITOR

Trade wars, stock market drops and more cost changes demand an independent elected auditor who understands city finances. We have experienced continuing financial losses with no City Hall and recognize the escalating cost of new construction.

This growing community needs an independent auditor elected to serve our part-time city counselors and make it the

beautiful city we all want.

*Ruth Duemler
Eugene*

FORWARD WITH MATTHEWS

In the two decades I’ve worked with Kevin Matthews, I’ve really appreciated his understanding of the social, economic and environmental opportunities for moving Lane County forward — opportunities squandered by the majority of the county commissioners and their last-century timber-first mentality.

Matthews’ intelligent and studied grasp of economic issues; his eagerness to explore Lane’s “other” timber problems ... timber tax subsidies and log exports; and his willingness and courage to speak up for the majority are attributes desperately needed to begin rebalancing political and economic power in Lane County.

We hear constantly from the county commissioners that more federal logging will bring rural prosperity, a 20th-century myth that is even less real today. Most federal timber sales are purchased by urban mega mills, often logged by out-of-town operators and provide little rural community stimulus except for helicopter noise and log truck traffic.

Matthews has realistic plans for rural prosperity, including low-interest small business loans and low cost high speed internet. He exemplifies the qualities we need to move us forward in Lane County, not hold us back!

*Roy Keene
Eugene*

VOTE FOR KENT

It’s been a long time since my husband and I have been so enthusiastic about a local political candidate. Her name is Nora Kent and she’s running for our district, West Lane County.

I’ve known Nora for more than 35 years and can testify to her intelligence, competence and ability to make change happen.

As an instructor and administrator of LCC’s Adult Basic Education Department in Florence, Kent has an intimate knowledge of our county’s resources. She lives in rural Lane County, though, not in Florence, so she knows firsthand both worlds.

Her priorities? Creating living wage jobs, implementing the state’s Clean Energy Jobs bill (unlike the incumbent, who went to Salem to lobby against it!), increasing tourism (especially agro-tourism), building affordable housing, opening up access to health care and protecting our forests and waterways.

Kent listens and she cares. She’s a team player with vision and energy. I asked her about the 13-percent pay raise our commissioners just voted themselves, and she told me she would donate hers to LCC’s scholarship fund. I’m sure she will.

If you live in West Lane County, please join me in voting for Nora Kent.

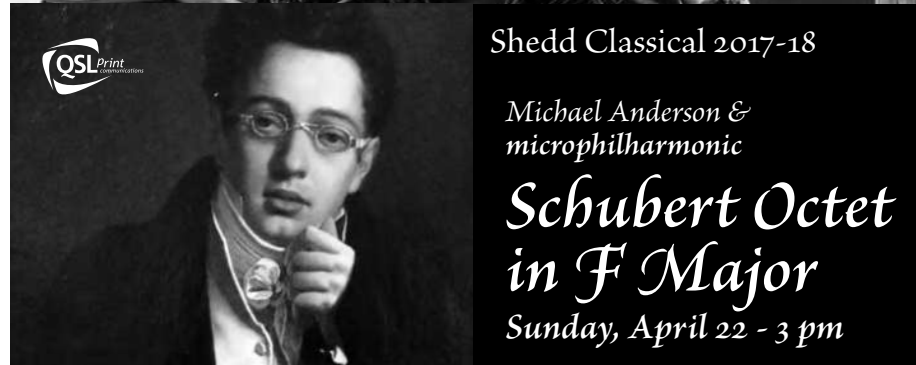
*Mary Moffat and David Webb
Walton*

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