

SENECA GREENWASHING

Regarding the 4/12 article in *Eugene Weekly* titled "Forestry Panel Addresses Controversy," I have to say I completely understand why some of the board members of GreenLane would not want a representative of the Seneca timber companies on their board. Attempting to show face on a sustainable platform will not excuse the past years of detriment and obvious disregard for the damage done by the timber industry.

While I think it very fair and optimistic of Robin Forster to "give everyone a voice," I find myself agreeing more with Shawn Donille, that this is an attempt of "greenwashing."

For example, I think Seneca will make changes here and there (perhaps thinning one forest before clearcutting two), but only enough to maintain positive coverage, claim "sustainability" and keep profits high, all the while trying to fool voters into believing we don't need to make laws against clearcutting, while they continue to do what? Clearcut.

In this case, we need to choose whom we give a voice to. It seems giving Seneca one could potentially lessen the credibility of GreenLane. Should they really allow themselves to be used as a mouthpiece for the timber industry?

Michelle Slaven
Eugene

SYRIAN NIGHTMARE

World War 3, anyone?

Nuclear-armed Russia already has military personnel and warplanes lawfully in Syria. Yet the U.S., UK and France all threaten to attack Syria following the chemical weapons incident there over the weekend — without investigation and despite good reason to suspect the terrorists themselves caused the incident.

How convenient for the terrorists: Just when President Trump said the U.S. might leave Syria soon, there's another CW "attack" in a militant-held area.

Do I say those photos are faked? Not at all. But evidence of past atrocities has been manipulated to frame the Syrian government.

Remember when ISIS "militants" burned alive a man held in a cage? Or the video of them parading the head of a 10-year-old boy they had just cut off with a long knife? I believe they're fully capable of poisoning civilians themselves and framing the government to influence U.S. policy.

Could they do that? Last month, the Syrian army discovered a well-equipped chemical laboratory run by the terrorists in Eastern Ghouta. Not one Western reporter investigated. But journalist Sharmine Narwani produced a report, with photos.

For more, see my "What's Really Happening in Syria: A Consumer Fraud Lawyer's Mini-Primer" at syriasolidaritymovement.org.

Robert Roth
Eugene

MULHOLLAND'S DRIVE

Scientific evidence has proven man-made carbon emissions are responsible for global warming and climate change. We are fortunate in Eugene to have candidate

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Zach Mulholland, who has done extensive work locally to mitigate these changes, running for the EWEB board.

Mulholland worked to assist the city of Eugene to pass a Climate Recovery Ordinance in order to reach its future climate reduction goals. Currently, he is structuring with council a home energy score policy, and he has been a pro environmental lobbyist in Salem supporting the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

If elected to the EWEB board, he would like to establish an electric vehicle and rooftop solar incentive plan, and motivate customers to use more carbon friendly electrical appliances.

Mulholland is a member of the Sustainability Commission and is chairing a subcommittee to study the environmental impacts of the proposed EWEB Riverfront Redevelopment Project and the University of Oregon North Campus Plan. His commitment to the community and environmental preservation is foremost.

We all need to continue the campaign to cleaner energy sources for current and future generations. I urge you to vote for Zach Mullholland for EWEB at-large commissioner May 15.

Jim Neu
Eugene

CITY'S SMOKE AND MIRRORS

Someone pointed out to me that they hadn't seen anything from the supporters of the City Council's so-called "auditor lite" initiative. I couldn't help but agree.

I have seen a lot from the supporters of Measure 20-283, the citizens' initiative for an elected, independent auditor, but aside from a few garish yard signs intended to scare people from voting for any auditor, nothing from the other side.

Why so mum? I know a lot of people think the City Council's competing initiative is just a cynical attempt to split the vote and destroy the citizens' auditor plan, thus preserving the status quo. The actions of the supporters of the city's proposal are making me suspect that this is correct.

The city's proposal is just smoke and

mirrors. Vote No on that, and vote Yes on Ballot measure 20-283. It's a worthy proposal for an elected independent auditor that will provide effective checks and balances that have long been sorely lacking.

Ed Moye
Eugene

WILD FOR WILDE

My father is a veteran. Although Oregon State Representative candidate Marty Wilde is a couple decades younger, he and my dad have a lot in common. They both grew up on public assistance and turned that public generosity into a lifelong passion for community service.

In the coming months, you're going to hear a lot about Wilde: prosecuting sexual assault cases in the military, advocating in Salem for education and health care, serving on the police commission and as the executive director of Lane County Medical Society. But that's not why I'm voting for him.

I'm voting for Wilde because of his quiet service at Egan Warming Center, keeping watch overnight or cooking breakfast in the morning.

I'm voting for him because he consistently uses his voice to empower folks who have less privilege than he does.

I'm voting for him because I've seen first-hand the empathy, intelligence and experience he brings to everything he does. And I know that when he gets to Salem, he'll cast his vote for us.

This May, House District 11 will be choosing Phil Barnhart's replacement and I urge you to vote for Marty Wilde. And go to wildefororegon.com and volunteer your time or money. That's what I'm doing.

Sean Shivers
Eugene

MAKING AMERICA FUCKED AGAIN

I had a meeting with my accountant on Saturday and she informed me that my taxes will go up by \$7,000 next year. It seems I've lost my trucker allowance and gained the new \$6,000 general deduction. Gee,

thanks Donald.

Many of my experienced colleagues are quitting the road for good because of new regulations. This isn't going to help. We get blamed for accidents, when in reality the huge majority are the result of errors by cars around trucks.

So there is now a critical driver shortage. Mindless, unsuitable incompetents are replacing us. I have a second truck. It's been empty for two years. Can't find a qualified driver. I'm starting to feel like Charlie Brown.

Is it any wonder "pride in your work" is seldom heard anymore?

Well, I intend to do the best I can and work on. I will live within my means even though the city, the state and the nation can't spell "budget," let alone understand the word's definition.

I wonder what he'll do next?

Peter Tildesley
Eugene

KENT IS INCLUSIVE

As a colleague of Nora Kent at Lane Community College, I know how much she cares about people. I have seen her go above and beyond the regular duties of instructor and help her students navigate finding a job, finding housing and finding health care. She knows how to make progress within a bureaucracy.

Kent is inclusive and respectful. She is a community builder in all the communities she has lived in at Deadwood, Florence and west Eugene.

Rural west Lane County folks need someone to represent our concerns, and Kent has acknowledged many of them — supporting local farms, access to health care, public transportation and promoting safe forestry practices. She cares about the people of rural Lane County.

We need a change from the status quo, someone who doesn't just represent the corporate desires but actually the regular folk.

Vote for Nora Kent for West Lane County Commissioner.

Tonia Blum
Walton

THE MINDY PROJECT

Over the past several years EWEB has made many important decisions to improve service and manage costs. We re-negotiated our Carmen Smith Dam relicensing plan, saving millions while still providing fish passage. We revised our emergency water source plan and are now working with 4J on an innovative neighborhood approach. We sold a hydroelectric dam in Idaho. We took advantage of low borrowing rates to refinance our debt.

Our new general manager promises even more to come.

These successes require a high level of trust and alignment between and amongst the EWEB board and management. We work through difficult, sometimes painful trade-offs. We compromise to balance our goals and values. We have great momentum right now.

I ask you to help us sustain it by voting for Mindy Schlossberg for the at-large EWEB seat. She's smart and hard working. She's committed to fiscal and environmental responsibility. She focuses on the big