

picture. And she works well with others.
Steve Mital
Eugene

SNAP TO IT

Not surprised to hear there was an uproar when the *Eugene Weekly* stopped being distributed in Corvallis and Albany (“*EW Returns to Corvallis and Albany*,” 4/12). In addition to being a good place to find cultural events, *EW* provides an excellent format for conversations about the area, the state and, indeed, the world.

For example, the current attempt in Congress to increase hunger by cuts to the SNAP program (formerly food stamps). With 1 in 8 Americans struggling to put food on the table and 1 in 5 children living in poverty, this is the opposite direction of where we need to go.

Let’s ask those who represent us in Congress to fully fund the SNAP program and then move on to end the causes of hunger in the world’s richest country. Thanks to the *Weekly* for providing this forum to ensure our voices are heard, and for returning distribution to Corvallis (where my friends live) and Albany.

Willie Dickerson
Snohomish, Wash.

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES

I’ve worked closely with EWEB candidate Zach Mulholland for more than four years crafting the 2019 Clean Energy Jobs Bill for Oregon. I’m always struck by how knowledgeable Mulholland is with the

complexities of cap-and-invest, working with legislators to understand the larger picture and how these programs can help all Oregonians.

Mulholland founded Divest UO, was vice-chair of OSPIRG and currently is on Eugene Sustainability Commission — and he’s a clean energy lobbyist. He knows people and how things work in Salem. He would be a strong leader for the energy transition work necessary at EWEB.

Raised in rural Oregon, candidate for Dist. 11 Kimberly Koops may be young, but she has plenty of legal and political experience as a law student, legislative intern for Senator Merkley, aide to Congresswoman Bonamici and a fellow for Ron Wyden.

Koops’ well-rounded résumé should fill Representative Phil Barnhart’s big shoes nicely! “Youthful exuberance?” Yes we can! Sorry, Marty Wilde, but you lack any real government experience.

Robin Bloomgarden
Eugene

ALL FOR SCHLOSSBERG

I am voting for Mindy Schlossberg for the at-large position on the EWEB board.

The EWEB board is very important because the decisions it makes have a huge impact on the lives of people who live in our community and on the health of our local environment and the quality of our lives. Schlossberg has a strong commitment to environmental and fiscal responsibility including reducing our carbon foot-

print, and water and watershed protection.

She has a strong commitment to helping families in our community who have limited resources and need affordable housing and utilities. We need a strong leader on the EWEB board, one who can see the big picture and provide strategic guidance to achieve accountability and someone who will work hard to make good things happen.

We need a person who can listen to others and understand various points of view. We need someone who can work well with others to come up with practical solutions that achieve our shared goals and reflect our shared values.

Schlossberg has these qualities; she is a strong leader, she is a great communicator and she demonstrates solid values of accountability, fairness and sustainability. Mindy is the best candidate for EWEB commissioner.

Judy Newman
Eugene

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

In the April 5 edition of the *Eugene Weekly* under the Slant column you recommended the book *We Were the Lucky Ones*. I hope you will list one more book that I read not long (and will never forget) ago. It should be required reading for every young American (and old ones, too!).

The reader may well ponder his own patriotism after reading; indeed, his heart will soar, as mine did, for the author and his family. That book is *An American Fam-*

ily by Khizr Khan.

David Heying
Eugene

THE PARTY LINE

Any elected official who votes a straight party line is violating: their oath of office; the state and federal constitutions; any and all rules of ethics; their conscience; common sense; the morals of any civilized society; their “contract” with their constituents (Continuing Violation Doctrine).

They are also undermining and eventually destroying the checks and balances of our government, as well the two-party political systems. (Perhaps it’s time for this country to try the multi-party system?)

Perhaps continually voting a party line constitutes discrimination per se? If one votes the party line, it would be impossible to represent all the people and therefore impossible to do what is best for the United States of America.

If the voters follow the lead of their elected officials and vote a party line, the people will turn into obedient robots. Then what?

Frank Skipton
Springfield

WILDE ABOUT EDUCATION

As a newly retired elementary school teacher, I have seen the student behaviors escalate dramatically over the years. I believe the students are acting out due to classroom size, where it can be difficult to get their needs met by a teacher who needs



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