

THIS MODERN WORLD

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and precarious democracy has been struck, this time in “liberal” Eugene.

Eugene’s mayor and six city councilors voted against Betty Taylor’s recent admirable motion to allow a public vote on a modified citizen-initiated measure to create the position of an official auditor, one with real power to examine and report on their misuse of taxpayers’ money and their other highly questionable shenanigans.

In the previous election their trumped-up, meaningless competing measure on the same ballot muddied the waters when the swamp needed draining, which was just what they intended to do. Their Republican-flavored tactic worked for them.

So much for transparent, responsible government. Shameful.

Jerome Garger
Yachats

WHAT’S THE DILL?

Now that *The Register-Guard* has eroded into mass-produced mediocrity, you’d expect *Eugene Weekly* to rise above its modest function as an arts and entertainment guide and recharge its journalistic mission.

Real journalism? There have been some nice precedents in the past. And God knows, there is a plethora of issues: migrant children separated and incarcerated at the border, the infamy and resignation of Scott Pruitt, Supreme Court nominations and the ongoing revelations of the Russia investigation ...

There is so much being done locally in response to these and so many other issues, but what featured on the cover of the July 5 *Weekly* with multiple pages devoted to the topic? Pickleball!

Really? That’s just sad.

Jennifer Rowan-Henry
Eugene

Editor’s Note: EW is covering local responses, including the Families Belong Together events and the Freedom Foundation’s attacks on unions. We only come out once a week so please check online at eugeneweekly.com if you don’t see a story in the print edition.

LIBERAL MOUTHWASH

Elisha Young provided a very positive review of Mary DeMocker’s *The Parents’*

Guide to Climate Revolution (EW, 7/19).

The book takes a “holistic approach” to talking to kids, telling us “exactly what we can do,” “exactly what we need” to help them face the crisis and “still get a good night’s sleep.” To be age-appropriate is always a good idea, but peddling illusions never is. Buying a “green and sustainable” mouthwash as part of what is “actually attainable” is almost a parody of the nice, liberal consumer, who is actually part of the problem.

Every civilization has so far failed. Now there is only one global civilization — which is visibly failing grandly. Every civilization is a parasite that devours its host. And mass society becomes pathological as the eco-catastrophe moves right along.

We need to challenge the basics instead of reinforcing them.

John Zerzan
Eugene

GROW UP

Regarding the July 12 “Slant” column: What? Let’s get to our “greatest challenge,” the election of effective candidates, “only four months away,” without the help of the “mayor, manager and staff and City Council.”

And, sob, we don’t even have a “truly effective auditor like so many other cities have.” Let the adults stand up please.

Richard Guske
Eugene

HOMELAND INSECURITY

While we are not yet longtime residents of Eugene, we have lived here for three wonderful years. Many sights have become very familiar to us.

All of a sudden, such familiar and somewhat comforting sights have been interrupted by some fairly upsetting ones. To be explicit: Extremely large Department of Homeland Security people prowling alleyways downtown in the middle of a weekday afternoon, and green sheriff’s department vehicles that look a great deal like army equipment hanging around the exit ramp on Ayres Road on 569.

Any inkling about what’s going on?

Robin Haggard
Eugene

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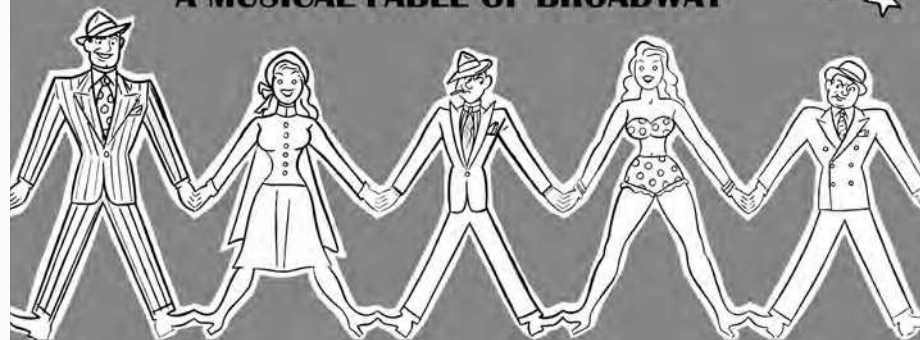
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