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Barb Boodikins
Eugene

VOTE THEM OUT

I am urging all *Eugene Weekly* readers, especially those ages 18 to 29, to please vote. This election is probably the most important of our lifetime. If you despise Trump and everything he stands for, you must vote against him and the Republicans.

The only way to have a progressive nation is for young people to start voting. If you aren't sure who to vote for, ask someone you trust. If you have an Oregon driver's license, you are automatically registered to vote. If you haven't received a ballot, go to your county elections office to get one.

We need to send an overwhelming message that we reject their racism, sexism, homophobic, transphobic, anti-environment agenda.

We especially need to send a message to Phil Knight that he can't buy our governor's office. Don't fall for all the negative ads running against Kate Brown. Her opponent is a right-wing stooge who is anti-environment, anti-education and anti-choice, despite what he says.

Irene Henjum
Springfield

PENITENT CANDIDATE

This letter is in response to your endorsements guide (*EW*, Oct. 18). You mentioned that you believed I had a “bold” strategy for buying the domain oregonstatesenate.com, and then filling it with typos. I am sorry and I am ashamed of myself for not having a better grasp of grammar.

I did the best that I could. I have received many messages calling me stupid.

While I could have been studying grammar, I was instead working for social justice with the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now (Google

them). This was in the early '80s. I was also helping Harold Washington get elected in Chicago — the first black mayor in a city that was super-racist. I was 17 years old.

Later, I created a community based recycling program in Chicago that became the model for the citywide program. I was helping Larry McKeon get elected as the first openly gay, HIV-positive state representative in Illinois.

All the other papers were fair. *Eugene Weekly* was the only paper to reduce a lifetime of social justice work to grammar shaming. I can only imagine the effects that must have on under-educated minorities who might feel to stupid to be taken seriously if they decide to join the struggle for minority acceptance and community empowerment.

I am sorry I offended you with my poor grammar, but I am proud of my accomplishments for the LGBT, African and Latino communities while you were saving the world from improper punctuation.

Robert Schwartz
Springfield

A MEASURE OF HATE

By voting “no” on Measure 105, Oregonians ensure that local police cannot stop, detain or interrogate a person based only on a suspicion of undocumented immigration.

Measure 105 was promoted and funded by a hate group that is scapegoating immigrants for environmental issues. This hate group, Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR), is funded directly by wealthy groups and individuals from Washington, D.C.

Specifically, the group that committed \$60,000 to promote and put Measure 105 on the ballot, Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), was deemed a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. OFIR was founded by individuals with hateful ethics, like Van Staaveren, who donated over \$88,000 to anti-immigrant hate groups such as Americans for

Legal Immigration PAC and U.S. Immigration Reform PAC.

OFIR publicly supported Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was convicted of criminal contempt for his cruel policies of racial profiling.

The way working-class white Americans are preyed upon by white nationalist groups is especially effective in Oregon. The state of Oregon was meant to be founded as a white utopia. Still today, 87 percent of Oregonians identify as white. This void of racial diversity allows fear to take root.

With substantial financial resources dedicated to developing this fear into hate, OFIR may flourish in its goal of establishing a strong community of white nationalists here in Oregon.

Please join me in protecting Oregon's well performing anti-racial profiling law. Vote “no” on Measure 105.

Erica Barry
Eugene

BAD HOUSING SOLUTION

We know there is a dire need for affordable housing. The question is: Should we pave the way for corporate interests to control production and ownership around this basic need?

A majority of us will vote for the measure. Why wouldn't we? The measure has bipartisan support and is endorsed by the non-profit housing developers in our community. We like the mission of Habitat for Humanity, of NEDCO. Just this month, St. Vinnie's opened 35 new low-income units in Springfield.

So what's the concern? Let's look at who directs these nonprofits: NEDCO's board of directors includes executives from big banks and construction. Far bigger, Habitat for Humanity's board of directors includes executives from Bank of America, Dow Chemical, GM and Cougar Drilling.

But if that isn't concern enough, know that nothing in the amendment prohibits the public revenue going to for-profit developers. For-profit “affordable housing”

enterprises are booming. In 2016, the Miller-Valentine Group, for example, posted revenue of \$339 million.

The good news is Portland passed a \$258-plus-million bond in 2016 to fund publicly owned affordable housing. They have already acquired hundreds of units newly set at affordable rents. Municipally owned housing stock is an important antidote to private sector exploitation and control.

Zondie Zinke
Eugene

REVOLUTIONARY ENDORSEMENTS

At our general meeting on Oct. 20, Our Revolution Lane County voted unanimously to endorse STAR Voting and Julie Fahey, and unanimously to oppose Measures 103, 104, 105 and 106. With a three-to-one majority, ORLC voted to oppose Measure 102.

We have previously endorsed Marty Wilde and Heather Buch. We also support Kate Brown for governor and Christy Inskip.

We understand there is a housing crisis nationally and in Lane County. We understand that the cause of the crisis is an economy that does not work for the people, but sends money to the top. We understand that privatization policies such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, created in conjunction with Ronald Reagan's Tax Reform, funnels money through the private sector to the top while depriving local communities of federal support for affordable housing.

We believe that a deregulatory amendment such as Measure 102, which would remove a protection against privatization, is not necessary and would result in greater impoverishment of our local communities.

We believe that public housing ought to be publicly owned — that public funding mechanisms ought to build the resources of the community, not be given away to the private sector.

Tom Brown
Eugene

GO GREEN FOR BROWN

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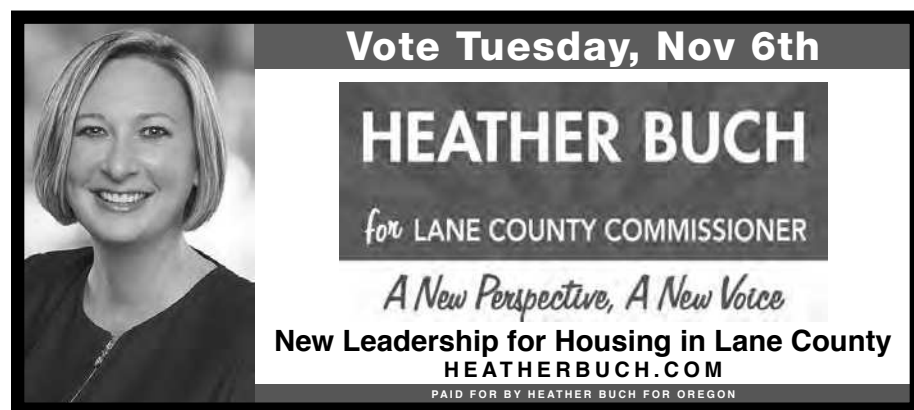
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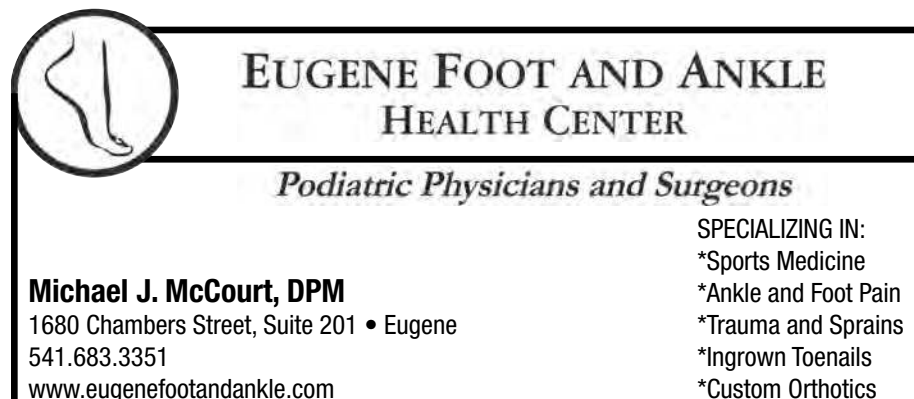
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