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letters

WHERE ARE THE JUDGES?

Isn't there a better way to elect judges? Every ballot I get they are all running unopposed, and I never heard of anybody on the list. There must be another way!

Bob Springenberg
Eugene

SUPPORT PROTESTS AT UO

I am writing to express my support for the encamped University of Oregon students calling on the university to end its investments that underwrite the ongoing ethnic cleansing occurring in Gaza. I salute the students for their commitment to advancing human rights and freedom and their bravery in the face of threats from the UO administration.

The rejection of the students' demands for divestment from Jaspar Ridge Partners due to "obligations to students and the state" strikes a familiar note. As a veteran of the anti-apartheid movement of the 1980s, I remember hearing the same dismissals of student demands calling for the divestment from the apartheid South African government. Today's administrators share the same lack of moral integrity as their forebears did 40 years ago. On a positive note, back then as administrations began to realize that student protests would not end, dozens of universities did ultimately divest.

Now as a community member, I will support these students and call on the university to meet their demands and to not follow up with further academic punishments. I also hope that other community members will voice their opposition to the university taking any steps to forcibly remove the protesters. They are peacefully protesting appalling human rights violations resulting in tens of thousands of civilian deaths, many of whom are children. They are standing up for what is right and good in the world and in doing so, are a light in the darkness. Let's support them.

Geoff Barrett
Eugene

OF ENDORSEMENTS AND EMBEZZLEMENT

I am writing to you in regards to your political "endorsements" you have printed in your revived edition of EW. My main concern is that instead of sharing valuable information to your readers, you are trying to sway their votes to one politically corrupt side. Do you really want to exclude an entire group of Oregonians based on your politics? I believe a lot of people read your paper who don't agree with you politically.

We were under the assumption that your paper was discontinued because of some unscrupulous activity that involved embezzlement. Your entire staff was let go until you found the criminal.

Was the criminal found and you rehired everyone, or was your paper just using this as an excuse to save money? Times are tough for everyone, but we don't believe your paper should be picking a side.

It won't matter so much during primaries since we unfortunately have closed primaries, but my hope is that you do some research into candidates before the general election in November. Many of our current politicians are criminals who should be prosecuted, not promoted.

We've had politicians resign due to similar allegations of money laundering. Please be thankful you were able to return in this climate, but don't throw out everything you have fought for to maintain honesty.

Katrina Marie Loera
Junction City

Editor's Note: This is an interesting conspiracy theory! Please read the story we wrote on the embezzlement — it discusses how we found and fired the embezzler before we were all laid off. The endorsements we have been issuing for at least 20 years are inherently biased given they are informed opinions. Also, since we generally endorse only in Democratic races, with rare exceptions, in the primary we only pissed off some of the liberal Oregonians.

FRAGALA FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

I am thrilled to endorse Lisa Fragala for the upcoming House District 8 representative election. Fragala's track record of community involvement, deep-rooted relationships, and unwavering character make her an outstanding candidate. As someone who has worked closely with Fragala, I can attest to her commitment to addressing healthcare needs in Lane County. She played a significant role in setting up the first rural Federally Qualified Health Center in Cottage Grove, demonstrating her dedication to making healthcare accessible to all.

Fragala is a strong advocate for women's rights and reproductive healthcare, a crucial issue that needs attention. Her collaborative leadership style is precisely what we need in a state-level partner who can work alongside the county and city. Her knowledge and trustworthiness are unparalleled, and she always works for the right reasons.

I urge you to join me in supporting Fragala for House District 8 representative. With Fragala, we can look forward to a brighter future for Lane County.

Heather Buch
Eugene

CANNING OR FRAGALA?

We voters in House District 8 have two solid candidates to choose from. Doyle Canning and Lisa Fragala are both progressive Democrats with strong en-