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OPINION

letters

Older, Bolder and No Regrets

From the Older and Bolder Crowd — Thank You

I was waiting with anticipation for your publication to come out geared towards the senior generation, or as I like to call my peer group “The Wisdom Warriors” (EW, 8/14). After reading your *Eugene Weekly* “Older and Bolder” issue, I must commend your staff on the articles regarding “An Active Life Starts Anytime,” “Third Acts,” “Slang from All Angles,” “Sleep Remedies” and “Keeping Up With Tech.” They are all pertinent, positive, encouraging and informative for the older and bolder folks who live here in Eugene. It reminds us that we can grow old gracefully if we engage our brains and bodies in healthier and active lifestyles, which can bring us purpose and happiness in our older age.

Well done!

Carol Ray
Eugene

The Origins of Slang

I was looking at the slang list and definitions, which I appreciate and think it's funny and poignant (EW, 8/14). I cannot help but think, however, that it is a missed opportunity to point out to folks how much of our slang vocabulary is appropriated from Black culture. The majority of these terms are things that Gen Z took from Black culture, and I think attribution of the genesis of each term, and more generally raising awareness of that, would go a long way and likely be well received by readers of this *Weekly*.

Valerie Sahakian
Eugene

Zero Regrets

I have no apologies with regard to my previous letter (EW, 8/7) on the subject of KWAX's dismissal of Peter Van de Graaff. My thoughts were truthful and aimed at the point.

Van de Graaff was woven into the fabric of our community, not only as the music director of KWAX, its chief fundraiser and spokesperson, but also as a cast member in many local arts presentations. He owned a beautiful home in Eugene.

He was kicked out, and, more than anything, deserves a full public apology from KWAX for the black smudge on his otherwise brilliant career.

I'm not holding my breath, having received an email from KWAX recently declaring, “it was unfortunate that we could not retain him.” Many of us want to know what crime he committed.

Sally Nunn
Eugene

Sounds About Right

If the opposite of “pro” is “con,” then the opposite of progress is Congress.

Michael Foster
Eugene

We Have That Sales Tax!

Now Oregonians have a sales tax, something that they fought hard against. Thanks to Donald Trump and his tariff scheme, we will pay more for an amazing assortment of things, and that sales tax was brought into effect by the (probably) illegal executive orders of Trump, as president.

And I have a whole lot of Oregonians will be voting against the Republican Party come the midterms.

Certainly, a lot of the federal workers who have either been laid off or had their right to belong to a union curtailed, those workers will vote blue.

Hugh Massengill
Eugene

Say it, Val Hoyle

As reported by KLCC in a press conference before her August 20 town hall,

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

TRUMP'S MILITARIZATION OF D.C. IS A DISTRACTION FROM THE EPSTEIN FILES!

THE EPSTEIN FILES ARE A DISTRACTION FROM THE ARBITRARY CRUELTY OF HIS DEPORTATION PROGRAM!

THE ARBITRARY CRUELTY OF HIS DEPORTATION PROGRAM IS A DISTRACTION FROM HIS INEXPLICABLE SUBSERVENCE TO PUTIN!

HIS INEXPLICABLE SUBSERVENCE TO PUTIN IS A DISTRACTION FROM HIS DISASTROUS TARIFF POLICIES!

THE MALEVOLENT INCOMPETENCE OF HIS ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION IS A DISTRACTION FROM THE FASCIST MILITARIZATION OF D.C.!

HIS AUTOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION OF POWER IS A DISTRACTION FROM THE MALEVOLENT INCOMPETENCE OF HIS ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION!

HIS BLATANT FINANCIAL CORRUPTION IS A DISTRACTION FROM HIS AUTOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION OF POWER!

HIS DISASTROUS TARIFF POLICIES ARE A DISTRACTION FROM HIS BLATANT FINANCIAL CORRUPTION!

YES, WELL--