

EUGENE WEEKLY'S EARTH DAY DRAWING CHALLENGE

We are asking kids kindergarten through eighth grade to create art based on one of the three prompts below.

- Draw yourself doing something you love in the outdoors.
- Draw what you could do to help the planet: Recycle? Turn off the lights? Take the bus? Use your imagination!
- Draw your favorite wildlife.

Winners will have their art and names featured in Eugene Weekly's Earth Day issue. Download the template: EugeneWeekly.com/Earth-Day-Call-for-Kid-Art

Enter the *EW* Earth Day Art Contest by 5 pm April 9.

Drop submissions off to Eugene Weekly weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm, or mail them marked "Art Contest" to 1251 Lincoln Street, Eugene OR 97401. Art can also be emailed to: McKenzie@EugeneWeekly.com.

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OPINION

letters

GRIPES, GRATITUDE AND NOT-SO-STREET-SMART

Empty Buildings

Congratulations to Lane County for purchasing the old Wells Fargo building instead of building a new office building. Perhaps there are other office buildings in Eugene that are empty or badly underused.

Is there a way that the businesses or government agencies that own these buildings can "donate" them to the city or state to be repurposed as, let's say, affordable housing. If there is a process, I'm sure it's cumbersome and full of legal hurdles. Let's have the governor and legislature come up with a simple process, like donating your old car to your public radio station.

John Kiely
Eugene

Reckless Trump Supporter Crashes!

A few weeks ago I was standing on the corner of 7th and Pearl expressing my First Amendment Rights by holding a sign that simply said, "ICE OUT." All of a sudden a disgruntled MAGA (Make America Great Again) Trump supporter in a white truck entered 7th Avenue off of Pearl going east with his middle finger waving out his window. His head was also hanging out the window and I could hear him spewing "fuck you" in a very unkingly manner. The furious driver gunned his truck as he turned east on 7th off of Pearl Street and all of a sudden he lost control of the truck and jumped the curb crashing into the retaining wall of the Federal Building. It was a miracle there wasn't a protester standing

in that spot where he narrowly missed a light pole and tree. He got out of his truck unhurt, but his MAGA Trump ego was smashed like the front end of his truck. Once his truck is repaired he can now pull up to a gas pump and give it the "middle finger salute" thanks to his president's war! All I can say to this MAGA dude, you better be damn grateful that nobody was standing on the sidewalk otherwise you would be reading this letter in jail facing vehicular manslaughter charges!

Frank Harper
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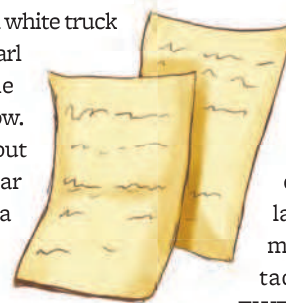
Watershed Bill of Rights Measure 20-373

It is ironic that the proponents and opponents of the Watershed Bill of Rights Measure 20-373 all want the same result for our county; clean and safe drinking water protections and effective management of our watershed and ecosystem.

This measure looks to secure existing laws that ensure the integrity of water resources that are being stripped and dismantled by the current federal administration as well as by local corporate pollution. Last year, the EPA removed Clean Water Act protection for millions of acres of wetlands and streams.

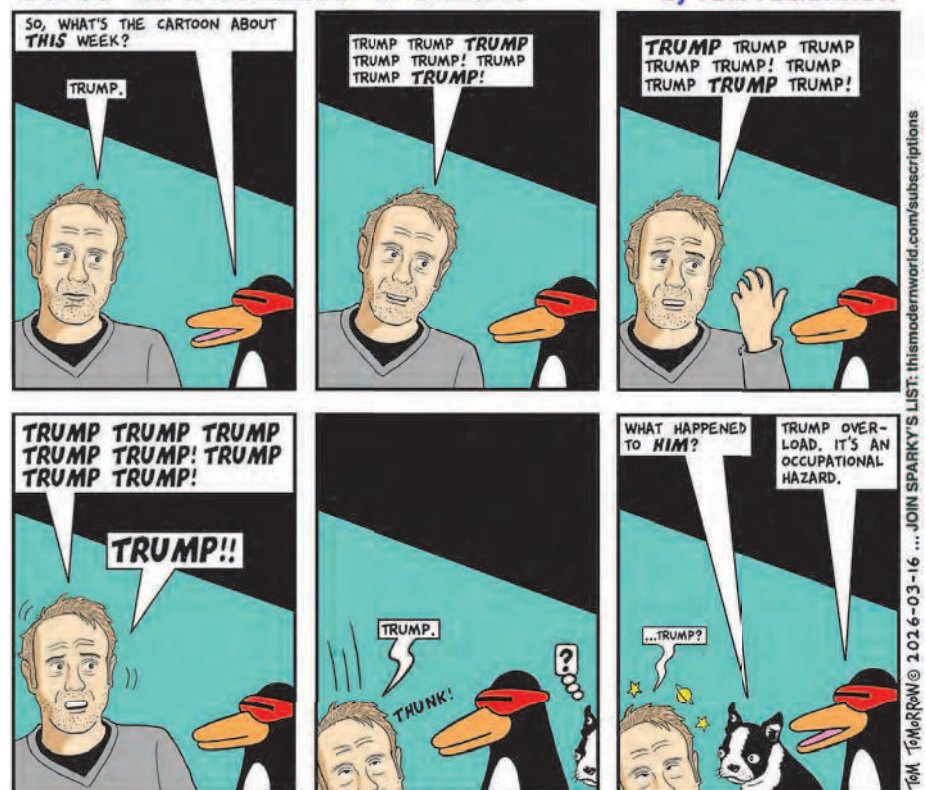
EWEB claims "the watershed measure bill of rights is vague and broad in language and that it poses unwarranted risks to efficient management of water resources, could hinder conservation efforts and detracts from the public's trust." That quote and "anticipated significant legal complications and increased regulations" from EWEB doesn't get much broader and vague in scare tactic messaging than the claim EWEB has of the watershed measure.

Robert Macfarlane writes in his book, *Is A River Alive*, "I sometimes wonder if the Rights of Nature is just serving as a proxy in an asymmetrical power situation that already exists, irrespective of the



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