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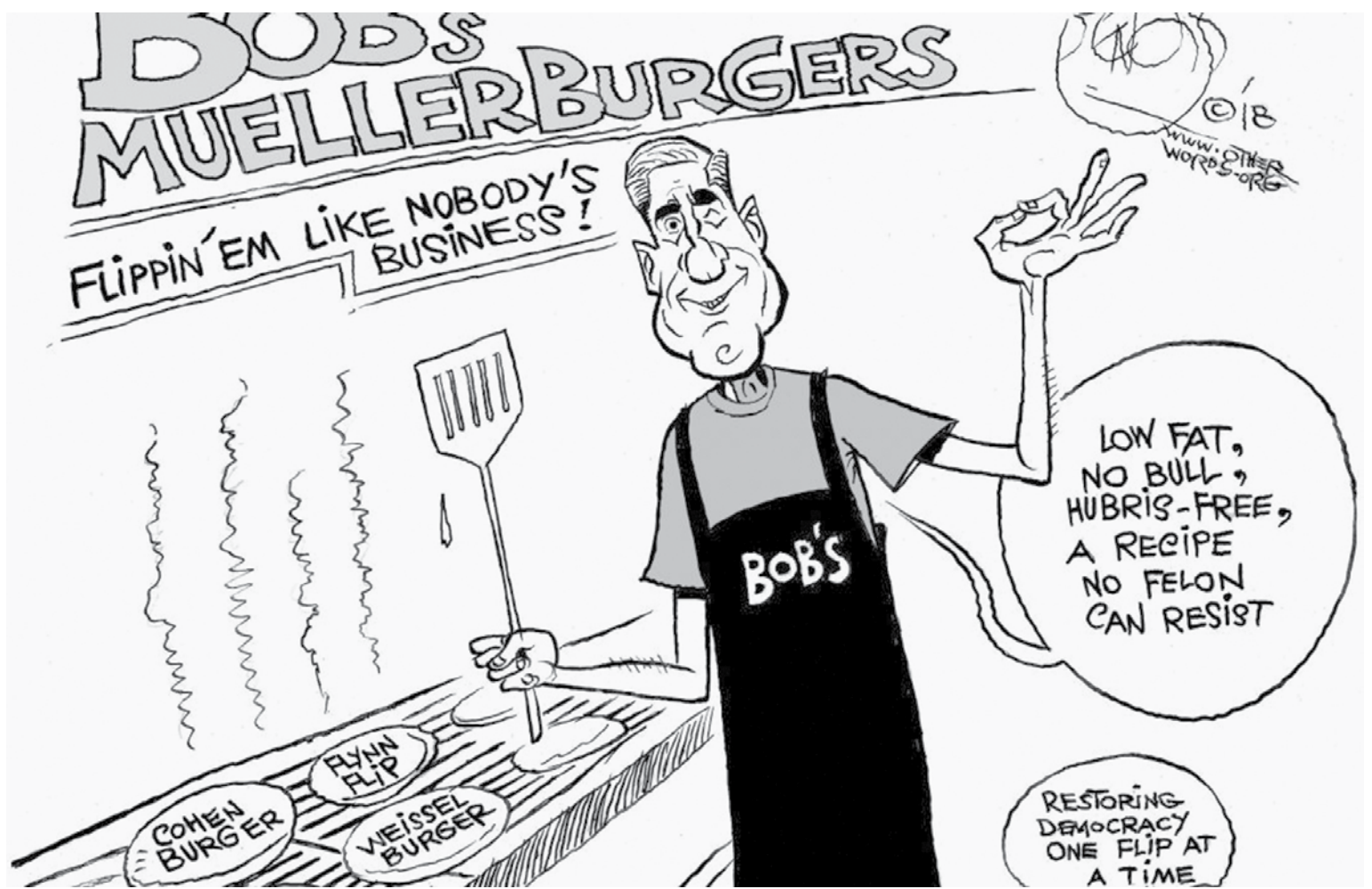
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OPINION



Lock him up! Lock him up! The Flipper regime

His karma is
headed over
the cliff

BY TOM H. HASTINGS

They are finding the witches, eh? Michael Cohen, his fixer lawyer, pleads out, flipping off Trump. His campaign chair, Paul Manafort, is convicted on a cluster of eight fiscal felonies and was in bed with Putin for years, mostly in his capacity as highly paid consultant to Putin's man in Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, a kleptocrat ruling impoverished subjects. His erstwhile National Security Advisor and bona fide traitor, Michael Flynn, is awaiting sentencing, which probably won't be much, since he flipped. One of his campaign officials, Rick Gates, also flipped him off. George Papa-



dopoluos, another campaign aide, lied repeatedly to the FBI about his campaign activities, which included many contacts with Russians, and he'll be sentenced soon. The can of worms is not finished emptying.

The web of Trump lies, cheating, and conspiring with Russians to steal the biggest prize of all — the White House — is quite wide and deep, and Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III is just getting his second wind, even as other prosecutors in various federal and state districts are filing suits and more charges, including now one just filed by the Attorney General of New York documenting the sleazy abuse of the tax-free foundation laws by the Trump Foundation with some \$2.8 million illegally spent on Trump himself.

Many comparisons have been made to Nixon's ignominious Wa-

tergate burglary scandal, but that was peanuts by comparison. That was one U.S. political party leadership acting like thugs to steal an election for themselves. This one essentially shows us with a "leader" beholden to Russia, to Vladimir Putin, a far more nefarious plot, giving a great advantage to a murderous strongman from a foreign adversary.

Of course, most Republicans and pretty much all of Trump's base are burying their heads, opening eyes and ears only when Fox "News" is blaring their lies and demonstrably wacky theories. Global warming? What a hoax. Trump campaign colludes with Russia? Witch hunt. White nationalism is a bad thing? Naw, not to them.

The Proud Deplorables are apparently pretty much fine with lies, treason, racism, sexism, environmental destruction, and thieving, all hot button hallmarks of

the Trump campaign, the Trump regime, the Trump brand.

So here we are, with the whole world watching in disbelief at American credulousness and willingness to abandon democracy in favor of autocracy. While I support dialog with folks with whom I disagree, what is there to say in the face of this tsunami of evidence? Please wake up? Can you face the truth or will you choose to continue to slide to new depths along with a fake leader who has betrayed his country?

Nixon stepped down rather than face imminent impeachment. Trump will need the full treatment, however, as he is congenitally incapable of admitting his malfeasance, his errors, and his illegal actions. Will Congress grow a backbone in time to fix this?

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Letter to the Editor

Inspired by
Hardesty

What a fine and inspiring portrait Portland Observer reporter Danny Peterson presented in his cover article on Jo Ann Hardesty (Aug. 22 issue). It was beautifully written and really illuminates a multidimensional candidate who

sees politics holistically, is values-driven, and has a wealth of experience as both a progressive activist and a legislator.

I was particularly pleased to see coverage of the lead role Hardesty has played in formulating one of the most important ballot initiatives in Portland in recent years — the Portland Clean Energy Fund, which will appear on Port-

land ballots in November. This is a great piece of potential public policy, and would put Portland at the forefront of the national effort to marry climate concerns with social justice concerns.

My one small clarification, however, would be to not describe the measure as a tax on big business, but a surcharge of one percent of their gross revenues from retail sales in Portland, if they make one billion dollars in annu-

al revenue and more than \$500 million within the city limits each year (basic groceries, medicine, and health care services would be exempt from the surcharge).

I send my appreciation to Peterson for his fine article, to Hardesty for her stellar political work, and to The Portland Observer for printing an article of such substance and importance!

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