



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A little off the top

This past Friday, I got a haircut from my barber, to whom I've been going for years. It was an uplifting experience, a link to the former normal.

My optimism is up.

As a country, I think we're going to be all right.

If you are depressed, make an appointment with your barber or with your hairdresser. The mental and emotional benefits may be significant.

**Peter E. Loewy, Eugene**

### At the altar of 'scientism'

Responses to our pandemic seems to have turned everything inside out. The media is treating President Donald Trump like an uninformed doctor while they treat Dr. Anthony Fauci like a thoughtful president. Obviously reversed.

But Fauci seems more like a minister of the church of "scientism" — a pseudoreligion that is demanding fearful obedience to its directives.

For example, the CDC computer models are accepted as real science instead of the faulty predictors of pandemic doom that they are. That's scientism. The computer model is the "tail wagging the dog" of government policy. But its output is only as valuable as its input. The national crowd-control process driven by virus fear is lurching into political correctness that the Nancy Pelosi/Chuck Schumer leftists are using to make sure that they "don't let a crisis go to waste."

They are going to promise security and protection if we hand them our freedoms. Beware of these false prophets who will sell our freedoms for their own profit.

**Ed Heaton, Springfield**

### Be gone, science deniers

Thank you Gov. Kate Brown for your quick actions and wise decision to follow the best science to help Oregon dodge the COVID19 bullet from hitting many more of our citizens.

All Oregonians who did their part and stayed home to help stop the spread of the virus are also to be thanked. Yes, we all took an economic hit, and there are many more bumps on the road to recovery.

We must remain vigilant.

Our hospitals did not get overrun, and we did not have to rent refrigerator trucks to hold the dead. No thanks to Donald Trump, who on Feb. 26 misled the public by saying, "When you have 15 people (with the virus), and the 15 within a couple of days is going to be down to close to zero, that's a pretty good job we've done."

And then there is the crazy comment about drinking disinfectant.

He is a dangerous and unhinged person in denial of the science of this crisis. We would be in much better shape today if our president had acted quickly and decisively early on.

Thanks, Brown and all our local public servants, for protecting Oregonians and following the experts' advice. We must vote Trump and other science deniers out in November.

**Pamela Driscoll, Dexter**

### Logic and data in 2020

Jeff Lang wrote (Letters, May 15) that Gov. Kate Brown and the Democratic Legislature are responsible for the worst economy in Oregon history and therefore should be voted out of office.