



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good for the IRS, good for a ballot

If I can mail my tax returns to the IRS through the U.S.

mail, receive my Social Security check by U.S. mail, get my prescriptions by U.S.

mail, receive my stimulus check by the U.S. mail and vote in Oregon for many years without fraud by U.S. mail, then there is only one answer.

This president wants to disrupt the election as he fears the outcome if we all can vote.

Email the U.S. Postal Inspector and the USPS Board of Directors and stand up to this corruption of our election!

Cindee Robertson

Eugene

Let's stay creative

It is heartening to see the speedy, efficient and creative cooperation among city departments and businesses in creating the Eugene Streateries program. The question is whether the city will apply the same energy to address the needs of the unhoused. The use of vacant public assets such as student dormitories at the University of Oregon comes to mind. Let's stay creative!

Shawn Boles

Eugene

The enemy within

The preamble to the U.S.

Constitution establishes a government to ensure domestic tranquility and promote the general welfare of its citizens.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution authorizes Congress to establish post offices and postal roads.

In 1844, a congressional report determined that the post office was an "essential tool of Democracy," not for profit and should be funded with tax dollars.

Can you imagine what our democracy would turn into if the Department of Defense, Veterans Administration, Homeland Security and the Justice Department were required to turn a profit?

It would be the "swift completion" of the destruction of our nation from enemies that dwell within.

Michael T. Hinojosa

Drain

Flame out

Everyone is a better cook with a natural gas stove and cooktop. How many times have you heard someone say that? I even heard it from one of our elected city leaders.

Unfortunately, natural gas stoves and cooktops emit toxic emissions to indoor spaces and is the only gas appliance not required to be vented outside. Hood exhausts are infrequently run while some recirculate indoor air and toxins. The EPA estimates indoor levels of air toxins range from 2-100 times higher than outdoor levels from gas stoves and cooktops.

Gas stoves emit nitrogen oxides, carbon oxide, formaldehyde and particulate matter, all of which are health risks leading to asthma especially in young children.

Dizziness, headaches, fatigue, disorientation, asthma, pulmonary disease, diabetes and heart problems are associated with emissions from natural gas stoves and cooktops.

An alternative to gas stoves are electric induction ovens and cooktops. These electric appliances are very efficient, cheaper to operate than gas and better for the environment. Fuel switching from gas to electric appliances reduces the need for natural gas, which contains methane, a major greenhouse gas contributor to global warming.

When your gas appliances flame out, consider electric appliances.

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