



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The real bullies

Regarding the August 5 letter from Andrew Jensen of Eugene about the "violent behavior" of the Springfield police, did he actually watch the video of the altercation? Those were not all "peaceful protesters."

The police told the protesters multiple times not to breach the barricade (I have a friend who lives near there, and he could hear that warning) and from what I saw, some in the crowd pushed the barricades and thus were arrested. And the woman who was punched?

She *grabbed* the officer's baton with force and wasn't letting go. That was an illegal act on her part and what did she expect to happen, for him to just give it to her?

I'm sure the review board will find the Springfield police faultless. They don't want problems. They just want order. The problem lies with those who can't adhere to just protesting but goading, using vulgar language, calling names and instigating aggressive acts that are not acceptable.

We all need to start delineating between those who are marching peacefully for a righteous cause and those within those groups who are not.

Who *is* the real bully here?

### Bruce Berg, Springfield

#### Get impeachment written in

I'm neither a registered Republican nor a Democrat, and I am sick and tired of Gov. Kate Brown and her minions who have done so much to destroy Oregon, who don't have the guts to stand up to Antifa and Black Lives Matter leaders, avowed Marxist/socialists.

Every nation and state taken over by Marxist/socialists has proven to be a disaster, but our leaders have ignored this. I support recalling Brown and a number of other state and federal leaders.

There is another way to remove public officials. This is through impeachment.

The Oregon Constitution is the only one in the United States lacking an impeachment provision. There have been attempts to correct this oversight. Bills have made it through House committees and the floor.

State Sen. Peter Courtney has prevented them from having hearings in the Senate, although he has promised to do so. It would benefit Oregon if our legislators had the courage to revive these bills.

We have had two bad governors in a row. Brown has been the most damaging.

When are Oregonians going to wake up?

### Erin B. Thurber, Sweet Home

#### Time is not on our side

We are living in an economy predominantly based on the burning of fossil fuels. We've known for several decades that this practice is destroying the ecosystems upon which all life depends.

To continue is immoral, yet the fossil fuel industry is conducting a public relations war to preserve this business model. They have funded climate change denial and made dubious claims about burying vast quantities of carbon dioxide in the earth. One touted solution that misleads us is renewable natural gas. Some applications do exist for renewable (rather than extracted) natural gas, however there are a limited number of potential sources. Projections estimate there is only enough availability to replace about 17.5% of current pipeline demand.

The remainder would still have to come from extraction, which is increasingly done by fracking.

The potential for renewably generated electricity is much more promising.

Eugene has the opportunity to halt the expansion of natural gas to new customers in the upcoming Northwest Natural franchise agreement. Urge your councilors to do so.

Mother Nature also has a business model. It is not moral or immoral, merely Darwinian. We need to act accordingly and we need to act now.

Time is not on our side.

### Carolyn Partridge, Eugene

#### Don't be the reaper

Wearing a mask is not giving up part of one's liberty. It is helping to prevent you from being a killer.