



letters to the editor

Head on Joe Biden is president-elect, taking office Jan. 20. It's time to face our problems head on.

We have several major issues that need immediate attention. First, equality and justice. We must work to stop systemic racism starting in our own lives and throughout our communities. We must provide homes for everyone.

Second, we must transition to clean energy and conservation of resources, especially protecting and restoring forests implementing regenerative agriculture. Critical thinking and using the scientific method help us understand the truths of the climate crisis, toxic pollution and mass species extinction.

Third, we must implement fair elections and enact strong campaign finance reforms. Wealthy corporations and individuals have bought legislators and laws that have enriched them. Voters have been suppressed at the expense of the people and the planet. Any elected public servant that is not on board should step down and get out of our way.

Pamela Driscoll, Dexter Please act responsibly There are numerous activities that we can undertake that are risky for us but don't create significant risk for others. Skydiving and bungee jumping are two examples. Other risky activities such as speeding in a school zone create significant risks for others. Taking a risk that may expose yourself to COVID-19 falls into the latter category. You may be lucky enough to survive COVID-19, but how about those you have infected?

Come on people, we are all in this fight together. Please act responsibly so we can at least minimize the impact until we can get vaccinated.

Jim Brown, Sunriver Today's special: liability So the Restaurant Association is going to sue the state of Oregon for the freeze hurting their businesses. Does this also mean that if the freeze is lifted and one of my family dies from COVID-19, and it is proven that they were exposed at a restaurant, I can sue them?

There is a law on the books in this state that bars and taverns are held responsible for serving alcohol to people obviously drunk and end up driving and causing an accident. Then there is the other point, what if your regular customers get COVID-19 and die? It would seem to me that is one or more fewer customers who would return to your business.

Leonard Hecker, Creswell How is Black Friday in compliance? As an informed (I like to think so) community member of Lane County, I have followed the mandates of Gov. Kate Brown, though not with complete conviction that she is doing the right thing. I wear a mask, sanitize and socially distance as required.

Considering the latest mandate limiting Thanksgiving gatherings and the encouragement of Brown for people to call the police if they suspect a gathering is outside of the new requirements, I wonder, : Why are stores still open for Black Friday?

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