



## letters to the editor

**Receptivity** We are in full support of justice taking its course in this country regarding the decisions of those in power who have acted outside the law. But we must remember that in our hearts, it is important to practice forgiveness. This forgiveness recognizes the universality of human error in the past, and that we have all made mistakes, have all failed to understand, and have all been guilty of lack of love and of tolerance. This forgiveness is not based on a spirit of magnanimity or a sense of expediency or superiority.

In order to move forward into a world of cooperation based upon goodwill and right human relations, we need to break free from longstanding hatreds, relinquishing the memory of old mistakes in policy, judgment, method and, finally, ignore the habitual barriers and our too-often separative instincts.

A better world cannot come about if we harbor animosity toward others. Likewise, we must become more positively receptive toward our fellow global citizens and take joy in celebrating the diverse worldviews, ideas and behaviors of all people.

**Christopher and Deb Michaels, Eugene A post-Iron Curtain Iron Curtain** Just like the Iron Curtain of the Cold War, a new Iron Curtain has descended between truth and fiction, erected by the major media with its news blackouts and refusal to publish

*all the news.*

It is abetted by social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram who block or censor any content that doesn't support a radical leftist agenda. Why is it so important to get rid of Trump? Money.

All the major players who oppose him have big tie-ins to China and the global economy. Trump threatens all that. From the NBA to social media platforms and big business, all are threatened by Trump's efforts to rebuild the middle class and make America a manufacturing powerhouse again.

America is the only power that stands in the way of the globalist dream of an EU-type global administration of self-selected elites calling all the shots. That only happens with the dissolution of national boundaries and sovereign constitutions. That only happens with Biden/Harris supporters, a compliant and manipulated electorate, two of the worst gifters since the Clintons this country has ever seen.

**Scott Fry, Eugene Moving on** In 2016, we voted. He won.

We moved on.

The election/voting/counting was done.

In 2020, we voted. He lost.

We move on.

The election/voting/counting is done except for two senate elections in Georgia.

**Chris Silva, Blachly Slinging around socialism is incendiary and untrue** Marc Thiessen ('Trump risks a GOP disaster in Georgia,' R-G Dec. 2) warns us that a Democrat-controlled Senate would lead to 'unchecked power to enact a socialist agenda.'

Some conservatives love to sling the arrow of 'socialism' at any government program they oppose. Do they really think that a Biden-led government wants to seize control of production in the United States (never mind that conservatives want to seize control of reproduction)? What is the role of government in a republic: Social Security, Medicare, FEMA, post office, FDA, farm subsidies, banking bailouts, public education, CDC? Are these socialist programs?

At the least the U.S. is, and will remain, a mixed economy, one with a balance of private enterprise and state intervention, and we will continue to calibrate that balance to enable American safety and prosperity. The use of the term 'socialism' in this context is a lazy, unhelpful and incendiary term unworthy of a responsible journalist.

**Kate Nelson, Eugene Moving beyond fossil fuels** In his column (Register-Guard, Nov. 28), Dylan Plummer mentions that the city of Eugene has been setting goals to reduce emissions since 2010 and has yet to do anything that remotely tackles the problem.

In order to reduce emissions on a scale commensurate with Eugene's goals, the city must enact some strong policies. One such policy being discussed is a mandate that new construction be exclusively electric because of electricity's potential to be renewable. This would bring about a significant drop in projected emissions.

Needless to say, there has been strong pushback to this proposal from our local gas utility who would prefer to expand indefinitely.

Unfortunately, we have reached a point where business interests cannot always have top priority. We are up against the reality of finite resources as well as limitations on how much CO2 our atmosphere, oceans and soils can mitigate.

The ongoing franchise negotiations with Northwest Natural provide an opportunity to move toward our reduction goals. We can join other cities across the nation who are halting the expansion of natural gas for the health of the planet. It's the right thing to do.

**Carolyn Partridge, Eugene The bone to pick is with gas and diesel** In response to Dylan Plummer's attack on natural gas, I want to point out that residential natural gas accounts for only 8.4% of Eugene's CO2