Letters to the editor

Acting locally President Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement and revoked the Keystone XL Pipeline permit. He did so because he recognizes the need for action to address global climate change.

Locally, we are also faced with an opportunity to take action to address the impacts of fossil fuel by stopping the building of gas infrastructure. As has been noted in news accounts and editorial comments, the city of Eugene has been trying to come to an agreement with NW Natural about if and how additional fracked-gas services might be provided here.

Many in the community have advocated for our own canceling of local pipelines. A moratorium or complete ban on additional fracked natural gas pipelines here would be the first step in our continuing efforts to transition to becoming a fossil fuel-free Eugene.

Lucy Vinis and several councilors have begun to speak out about the necessity of taking action. They deserve our gratitude.

We hope other local leaders will begin to fully and openly embrace that old adage that we need to think global and act locally.

The time for action is now the place is right here.

Rev. Dennis Reynolds, Eugene Call out injustice On Jan. 6, our democracy was attacked, bludgeoned and bloodied with Trump banners waving to prevent the peaceful transition of power. This insurrection cost lives and saw gruesome injuries and aggression so horrific that Capitol police and congressional legislators with their staff still suffer from PTSD.

Unfortunately, the GOP renegade senators who voted for acquittal of the 45th president send a powerful message: Not only will bullies be tolerated, but also they will face NO consequences for their actions.

How do we explain this to our children and grandchildren? We must tell the truth. We must stop the lies, conspiracies and hatred and begin to trust one another again.

The pandemic has forced us to realize how much we need each other. But we also must call out injustice when we see it.

Mary Peabody, Eugene Gun control shouldn’t be a priority right now Since the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol, most state capitols remain locked down to the public. The Oregon Capitol is no exception.

But because the public can’t attend legislative sessions, Gov. Kate Brown and state legislators are using this to hide the fact that they are in the process of abolishing Oregonians constitutional Second Amendment rights when it comes to banning so-called 'assault weapons.'

I’m sure this isn’t about baseball bats, slingshots, clubs and any other blunt instrument. In their delusion, they may be thinking rifles with synthetic materials used on military-style firearms. The problem is they don’t have a true definition as to what an 'assault weapon' means. Any firearm used in warfare is an 'assault