**Where is our climate champion?** Councilor Alan Zelenka has spent the past 15 years telling Eugene he is a climate leader, but when it comes down to the brass tacks, Eugene isn’t buying it.

If Zelenka is so dedicated to addressing the climate crisis, why has he refused to meet with the youth climate activists working tirelessly to get this city off fossil fuels? If he is so dedicated to supporting climate action, how has he failed to even respond to the hours of testimony provided over the past two months at council meetings? While we’ve heard from councilors Jennifer Yeh, Claire Syrett, Matt Keating and others about their interest in curbing emissions and their support for our activism, Zelenka has been conspicuously quiet.

The ward that he represents is one of the most progressive in the city. I’d say it deserves better than an establishment politician towing the line for big oil and gas. Wouldn’t you?

*Caitlin Howard, Eugene*

**The quiet and the unassuming** While watching our local news, a soft-spoken, articulate senior citizen was explaining why she was at the local Trump rally three days after the D.C. riot. She was most concerned about socialism.

I happen to like my socialism services: public schools, public libraries and public health departments. It’s nice to drive on roads, over bridges and visit parks. I hope this lady never needs FEMA, police or fire departments. So many more helpful programs, but you get my point.

It’s easy to recognize the MAGA-hat folks who are seditionists. What worries me are the quiet, unassuming, ill-informed people.

*Kathleen Bauder, Eugene*

**Tar and feathers** Showman to the end, Trump wanted a military send-off, this for someone who attempted to destroy democracy.

He should never be allowed to run for office again. He couldn’t even operate a charity without dipping into the funds. A couple of years ago, the state of New York took away his right to operate in any capacity with philanthropic organizations.

There was a time, I’m told, when charlatans were sent on their way with tar and feathers, no military formations.

*Virgil Freshour, Eugene*

**Still waiting ...** I’m waiting. I’m waiting for just one person who denounced last summer’s rioters to speak just as harshly about the attack on Capitol Hill.

You assumed all the rioters were Democrats and that the rest of the Democrats were cheering from the sidelines. This Democrat has relatives living a mile from the Minneapolis flashpoint, family living in Portland and the common sense to put family ahead of political beliefs.

My opinion of the local rioters is unprintable, but at least none of them were spitting on our heritage in the name of patriotism. That’s more than can be said.