possible with renewables for the gas system. Let’s take a step back and understand what is possible before we restrict our options for the future.

The past year has been hard enough for restaurants. So, to the city council: Please don’t make it worse.

Claire Yang, Eugene  **Be gone with natural gas** The people of Oregon and future generations achieved a tremendous victory when the state of Oregon denied key permits for the Jordan Cove Liquified Natural Gas pipeline. After the federal government upheld these denials, the Pimbina Corporation said it does not know if the pipeline can move forward.

Let’s assure them that it can’t.

Yet the struggle to slow climate change is just beginning.

A recent study of ice melt indicates that we are in line with the worst-case scenario set out by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. A big reason why is the methane escaping from natural gas production.

According to the EPA, atmospheric methane is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat.

Because methane leaves the atmosphere more quickly than carbon dioxide, the fastest way to address global warming is to eliminate natural gas use. Let your government officials and Pembina Corporation know that the Jordan Cove Project must be terminated once and for all, so our Earth can live.

Chuck Areford, Eugene  **Vaccinate the Ducks** Now that it looks like vaccines will be available to all who want them after July, and given the history of high rates of COVID-19 infection among University of Oregon students, I believe it should be possible and prudent to demand that all students receive their COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of their admission to school and campus.

Vaccinations will curtail further infections and help Eugene and Lane County meet requirements to allow continuation of the current designation as a moderate area that allows businesses and residents to operate with greater vitality and safety.

Shannon Roseta, Eugene  **Now that’s what I call progress** Marlene Pearson’s letter to the editor (Letters, March 10) and a similar one earlier by Steve Molnar reflect what a great job our city leadership is doing when it comes to our local and ever-expanding homelessness. Besides ‘keeping an eye on the problem,’ maybe they will leapfrog forward and have yet another meeting about the issue. Now that would be progress. And to think they get paid for their incompetence. Nice work if you can get it, but appreciated by none.

Barry C. Smith, Eugene