

for all of their actions, it is the reason we are told impeachment proceedings are “not appropriate” and why torture and the removal of our constitutional rights, etc. is “necessary.”

Are we going to allow another entire year to go on with no accountability, no end to the Mid-East violence, no restoration of constitutional rights?

*Colin Denny Donoghue
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SPIN REPORTING

I am saddened and confused by Alan Pittman’s sensational reporting of the extremely challenging decision that faces Superintendent Russell and the School Board regarding Eastside and Harris elementary schools. There is no easy decision when it comes to disrupting a child’s education.

The School Board initiated the broad and dramatic goals set forth in the “Shaping of 4J” with a tone of productivity and problem resolution. Initially the reporting of the meetings and plans followed this neutrality. Unfortunately, language and reporting of this public process quickly devolved into namecalling and stereotyping of Eastside parents. Pittman has been at the forefront of this one-sided and melodramatic reporting. What confuses me is why Pittman, in his March 13 article, uses so much space to quote Russell and board members, yet avoids getting the whole story from comments from parents or teachers at Eastside.

I am unsure what Pittman’s agenda

is, but as a parent of an Eastside student I deeply respect the teachers, the pedagogy and curriculum at Eastside. That does not mean that I do not also welcome and look forward to a more diverse student body and school. My fears are that Eastside will be swallowed up and lost, as other alternative schools have in the recent past.

Please, take the time to get the whole story before stereotyping a group of people; I truly thought Pittman was going to sign off with “fair and balanced news.” I had always believed that one-sided and spin reporting was saved for the Republican noise machine.

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6,000 MEETINGS

I recently heard that Mayor Kitty Piercy has convened or attended well over 6,000 meetings, festivals, conferences, association forums and rallies in her three-plus years as the mayor of Eugene. She meets regularly in her City Hall office with people from across the political spectrum, from far right advocates to far left advocates. Each month she hosts her “Mayor’s One-On-One” in a different location in the city, with the corresponding councilor, at a grocery store or other central location during evening hours when working people can stop by and talk with her about neighborhood issues. And she listens really well — you can tell that she remembers you and your concerns when you see her again, which you’re bound

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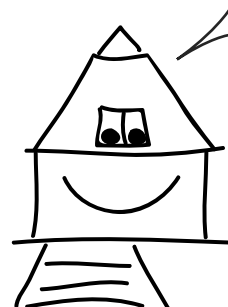
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