

Now they've dismissed the county lawyer who wrote what should have been a winning appeal. Any attempt to use this lawsuit to obscure Pete's record deserves to be thoroughly rejected.

With renewed commitment to Pete, south Eugene voters have a chance to demonstrate that our neighborhoods and businesses are places where public awareness, critical thinking and education still prevail.

*Elaine Weiss
Eugene*

TOXIC INVASION

Today (9/9) Giustina Land and Timber deliberately sprayed a toxic mix of pesticides by helicopter less than a mile from my home. There was no notification of neighbors and no concern for health issues among neighbors or for children waiting for school buses at that early time of day. Neighbors have written letters and attempted to at least initiate dialogue with the company so that those with health concerns could evacuate. There was no consideration for these needs.

The closest neighbors watched the helicopter go back and forth spewing its deadly cloud, frantically locking their goatherd in the barn to prevent contamination of their pasture and their milk. No one had forewarning of the spray date to allow them to cover sensitive areas of organic gardens.

Frankly I am disgusted. I believe timber companies have the right to conduct business, but in the close proximity of neighbors they also have the responsibility to be responsive to community needs. I hear the Giustina family is proud of their community involvement, so does this mean that we can thank them for future cases of cancer, Parkinson's disease, autism or a host of other conditions caused by toxic contamination?

*Robin Winfree
Eugene*

GOOD OLD BOYS

The UO administration spins a tidy excuse for the UO administrators' decision

to reward the good old boys' club instead of spreading the wealth around. The gravy train always invents an excuse (for there is no reason outside of selfish ingratitude and greed) to reward themselves first and best, with few historical exceptions. Why is it, with wealth and power, always "more," never "enough"? The rich get richer and congratulate themselves for a job well done. The rest of us can go suck an egg, if we can find an egg, if we can afford said egg.

Austerity, like prosperity, needs to be applied equally.

Where is the integrity? Oh, silly me. I forgot. There is none left. It was sold.

*Sarah Ruth
Eugene*

BICYCLE RIGHTS

It's sad to hear about another bicyclist struck to death by a motorist recently. It seems apparent that bicyclists have fewer rights than most people in our society.

Pedestrians have miles of seemingly endless sidewalks which they deserve. However, bicyclists are subjugated to ride in the gutters or so-called bicycle lanes with broken glass, rocks, disintegrating manhole covers, potholes and speeding vehicles that may cause our death each day we decide to brave these city elements.

This is not to mention distracted drivers, while answering their cell phones or tuning their radios or spilling their lattes. could kill any bicyclist in the blink of an eye in the so-called "safe" bicycle lanes.

Is it not time for the denigrated bicyclist to demand the same rights as pedestrians and motorists and that being in the form of some bicycle-only streets in this city and every city?

How many more of us must die before we demand these rights to pursue our healthful lifestyle? I call all Eugene bicyclists to dedicate 12th Avenue as a de facto bicycle-only street and memorial to the bicyclists who have been struck down until our rights are realized.

*Shannon Wilson
Eugene*

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Jennie Cupp

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