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LETTERS

bills just to line the pockets of wealthy developers and their stooges.

How about LCOG and the four ruling Lane County Commissioners continuing to push unneeded and disastrous new projects like a four-lane highway to Veneta to further line the pockets of their new wealthy buddies?

We must demand that our new leaders prepare our communities for future known unknowns, like weather extremes, super earthquakes, fossil fuel depletion, staple food depletion, all which leads to food and fuel rationing.

The ecosystems and the easy energy sources (fossil fuels) are declining precipitously, and if citizens do not step up and overthrow this corruption the result will be the collapse of civilization and the Earth's life sustaining biosphere. This will cause massive suffering here in our cozy Oregon bubble.

Shannon Wilson
Eugene

SIXTH COMMISSIONER

It would seem that Lane County Administrator Liane Richardson has a pretty high opinion of herself. I am willing to bet that she and the majority of the Lane County commissioners are just waiting for the brouhaha to subside and she will get her unnecessary raise.

Since she has so many job offers that would pay her more, I say go for it, Liane. I am sure that there is at least one person in Lane County who is equally able to perform in this capacity and would be more than happy to have her job at her present salary even without the 15.4 percent raise.

The egoism of some of our public servants is indeed amazing. It reminds me of the renaming of Beltline a while back that would have cost taxpayers \$250,000 to change perfectly good signs. Weren't we told that new signs would only be put up when the old signs wore out? Isn't it amazing that more and more new signs are now present on Beltline? How did that happen?

The lack of reality of some public officials continues to amaze me. I am asking the editors of EW to monitor this and notify the public when the raise takes effect. Additionally I would like to see the commissioners display better leadership when it comes to one of their subordinates

— who appears to believe that she is the sixth commissioner.

Zall Villanueva
Eugene

CHANGE THE RATIO

Perhaps it's time to use "common sense" with these negotiations. (Thomas Paine, 1776.) Perhaps its time to change the student-to-teacher ratio.

Having a low ratio in the early years and slowly increasing the ratio until the seniors in high school would have a very high ratio of at least 100-1 and perhaps 150-1, with lots of volunteer assistants throughout the system. A low ratio in high school doesn't make any "sense." If a low ratio in high school is needed then we are creating a dependency society, which is very bad news. The ratio for first year students in law schools and universities is very, very high. And the private sector certainly does not want a bunch of "dependency" new employees.

It is also about time to have at least one school *without* teachers. The best students — and those who want to be the best — can teach themselves. Being with the general population is destructive to their education. They don't need or want it. These students could have a extremely high ratio in elementary school. They also could assist teachers and students in lower classes.

Frank Skipton
Springfield

SCIENCE GONE MAD

NASA is going into the moving business. The goal is to capture an asteroid and hold it for ransom. Banking on the Biblical story of David, NASA can pitch Congress an offer they can't refuse for unlimited funding or else out comes the slingshot. On the good side, the more grants they can be taken for, the more out-there they'll get and if we're lucky they won't come back.

Vince Loving
Eugene

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