

Sounds good? No.

We spent hundreds of dollars for our children to show their animals and were treated like second-class citizens. We were given scant access to our children and animals. We were forced to park blocks away from any fair entrance when they said the "lot is full" only to see at least 50 open spots in the west end parking near mounted police. I understand crowd control, but I demand access to my 11-year-old daughter.

To top it off, it became apparent that some cattle guy with the youth fair had his own private key to the west gate. I watched him let countless people in and out. Security claimed they are not aware of this. For all I know he was charging to let his buddies into the fair. I just wanted reasonable access to my 11-year-old child. I have photos of this.

Melissa Gannon
Springfield

NO COHERENT RESPONSE

It's always fun and interesting to see lefties resort to name calling and personal insults when faced with opinions that differ from theirs or questions for which they can provide no coherent answers.

I'll add Ryan Foote's Aug. 1 letter to my collection.

Jerry Ritter
Springfield

MOLLY'S GIFTS

I read your paper frequently, and firstly want to thank you for its often funny, occasionally frustrating, but always engaging content. But I especially want to thank you for Molly Templeton's wonderful movie reviews.

That I take movie reviews seriously would be noted by anyone around me (beginning at an early age, arguing to convince my parents why they should let me watch the Ridley Scott film *Alien*). It was through these early explorations that I discovered the wonders of well-written reviews — no other writing combines the subtle mix of personal, intellectual and emotional descriptions, and Templeton's reviews are truly some of the best I've ever read. They always strike a thrilling balance of description, reflection and opinions, and are intellectually engaging and ultimately revealing, and a joy to read.

I simply want to say thank you for sharing your gift of writing.

Steve Boggs
Springfield

DRINKING IN THE WHIT

I've lived in the Whiteaker for well over 10 years and have watched the neighborhood slowly evolve and seen a number of positive changes. Papa's Soul Food was a great addition to our hood; it brought people down here that would have continued to live in fear of "felony flats."

I'm fine with growth and new business. What I'm not OK with is people who very obviously don't live in this part of Eugene or this part of the country who come down to party, be reckless and disrespectful to the folks who live and work in the neighborhood. I see so many people that are driving around so fast and so unsafely looking for the other breweries on their list.

Might I suggest leaving your car at

home or the hotel and riding a bike, take LTD or maybe even walk? It's just not safe to drink and drive, especially in a small neighborhood with a thriving bike culture. The "brewery district" as we are now called, has some great business to enjoy. Just be responsible. Local breweries also step up to the game; let's start giving some sort of deals to the "locals" who opt for a safer way of getting to your place. Offer a dollar off to cyclists that show their helmets or something.

Take notice of all the cars at these breweries; that's a lot of people drinking and driving. These are high-alcohol-content beers in most cases, too. Just something to think about.

Darin Lomsdalen
Eugene

TOXIC DISTRICT

Some months ago *EW* columnist Jerry Diethelm asked, "What happened to Cannery Square?" [11/7/2012]. I have some observations relating to that mothballed planning "vision" cooked up by Nan Laurence. Sam Bond's Garage is opening a brewery and tasting room in the area next year. A credit union is redeveloping the former site of the Courthouse Garden. It seems like the real question to be asking is what happened to the toxic waste dumps there on EWEB and UO owned property?

To find out details about the dumps you must refer back to a 2005 article that appeared in *The Register-Guard*. The article by Joe Harwood was "EWEB, UO battle over soil cleanup." In recent weeks people have been picking blackberries at the partially gated toxic dump. Will the city of Eugene streamline development of the EWEB property without any consideration of the oozing slime stored underground? New businesses moving into that area should prompt city planners and the DEQ to adequately inform and involve the public in a thorough cleanup. EWEB and UO both have turned away from any mitigation of the current toxic situation. The failure of the Cannery Square concept is not just a surface issue.

The real problems at that location lie below the surface. If UO is so green why has it failed to cleanup the toxic riverfront of the UO campus? Perhaps Diethelm can explain what he thinks about the historic waste dump in his next Emerald Canal update.

Zachary Vishanoff
Eugene

CELL-PROOF WRAP

The tragic death of a child due to a bus accident in New Jersey is blamed on the driver using his phone. They can do it with kryptonite. Why not put a shield, for safety sake, around the LTD buses that blocks all cell phone frequencies? And you would be able to tell the difference from the people who are talking to themselves from the rest of us.

Vince Loving
Eugene

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