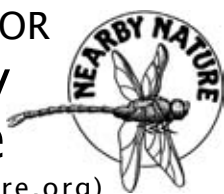




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A New Car Tip from George

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LETTERS

large love train is only rocking better and better, and more so now than ever, dropping good food, good drinks, good times and respect to anyone who comes in. Our good neighbors downtown are doing the same damn thing. Downtown is wonderful — once you get past the haters.

Mr. Wilson, maybe in time we will fold — go belly up and this will cause you joy — but Belly would go down swinging — gooey love bombs and cheesy bread puffs — on all and every.

And EW, WTF?! Bored? Can't refer folks to Yelp? Giving Craigslist's rants and raves a run for the money? Or just there to offer folks a platform to drop slander on neighbors?

Brendan Mahaney
Owner/chef Belly restaurant

KIDS PREFER JUNK

Had to chuckle at Megan Kemple's Oct. 10 Viewpoint where she touts the local school districts purchasing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of locally grown foods. Hate to break it to Ms. Kemple, but it's likely that most of that nice produce winds up in the garbage/compost as the kids, raised on fast food and other non-nutritious fare, turn their noses up at the healthier choices.

Karl Stout
Eugene

EVASIVE COP COMMISSION

One reason the Eugene Police Commission was formed was to guide policy with sufficient input from the public. There has been a long-term trend toward avoiding detailed conversations with the public, and now the commission has abandoned downtown meetings. Police commission meetings are now held far from downtown at the new police station. The media refuses to cover the problem of the police commission avoiding the public. There are many ways the public safety system could be improved. Instead of chasing ambulances the media could serve the public interest.

Improper policing and evasive or ineffective oversight endangers both the public and all law-abiding officers. I have requested that the Eugene Police Commission be ordered to relocate the meetings downtown to Pete Kerns, the Human Rights Commission, the Eugene police auditor and even the Budget Committee. They all have no comment.

Once the meetings are relocated downtown they should also be televised like all the other city meetings. Citizens should not be subjected to things that the SWAT team subjected me to.

Zachary Vishanoff
Eugene

NO MORE TO GIVE

An unpopular yet realistic fact with the homeless situation is that many of these folks have come about their circumstances through poor financial management and lifestyle choices. Many, not all.

Our compassion and empathy and budgets are at meltdown levels. We have reached our capacity for being able to help any more. There is no more room or

money here for homeless people. We have given all we can give.

We have given and given: free sleeping bags/tents, and many places to sleep, rest, shower, do laundry, etc. We have Opportunity Village, Eugene Mission, Egan Warming Center, First Place for Families, St. Vinnie's camping program, White Bird, Occupy Medical, Bridge Insurance, feeding homeless pets and free veterinary care, CAHOOTS, Buckley detox center, help for veterans, the Highway 99 Service Center.

But what do they offer in return? Road crew? Community service? Giving up panhandling? How about some work camps like they did way back when? Something to offer back to the community? Do they bring anything at all to the table?

On virtually every street corner we have someone with their hand out begging us for tax-free income. Homeless folks trashed the sensitive wetlands to the point that it had to be cleaned out by the tons. In the public restrooms they are shooting illegal drugs, performing acts of prostitution, vomiting, bleeding, bathing and leaving monstrous messes behind for others to clean up. The highest demand for police and other services which they pay nothing to support with taxes. Public defecation and urination, garbage everywhere, needles everywhere. We cannot use our parks or public spaces or public restrooms. The highest rate of bike theft in the county. Shoplifting is a sport.

They are demanding respect while showing none for the citizens.

My neighbor said that paying rent is cutting into his lifestyle choices (he's a pothead and drunk). He said, "I am going to go get one of those homeless huts and fuck any kind of responsibility." He was serious.

This is the attitude that is creating a burden on all of us.

Jessica Hannah
Eugene

NOT A WAR CRIMINAL

When I read Mark Robinowitz's letter to the editor [9/26], I was instantly drawn in by its shocking title: "Powell is a War Criminal." I consider myself a fairly informed citizen, and I admit I had no recollection of Colin Powell's conviction for war crimes. I dutifully researched Colin Powell's history but was unable to find records of his status of "war criminal." Similarly, it seemed there was no record that any of the accusations made against Powell were legitimate (see letter for said accusations).

I was forced to conclude that the accusations made against Powell were false and despite any faults he may have, he is not a war criminal. I have grown tired of people using the Weekly as a method to distribute their conspiracy theories. I may be alone here, but when I read the paper I am not looking to read up on the latest conspiracy theories; I am interested in real news and concerns that affect me. I hope in the future the Weekly might be more selective with its letters to the editor, weeding out those without facts to back up their agenda.

Christian Wagner
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