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Patricia Hine
Eugene

MARIJUANA MESSENGER

The issue is not marijuana. Marijuana is the messenger, not the message. The issue is whether you live in freedom or under tyranny. The most basic of all human rights is the right to own your own body. Total acceptance of marijuana — legal is not enough — is what is needed. Billary or Trump won't encourage that. Gary Johnson, Libertarian for president, will. Google Gary Johnson and find that you are a Libertarian: You just didn't know it.

Joe Canfield
Eugene

CRY FOR JUSTICE

In response to Jerry Ritter [Letters, 7/21]: First off, thank you for being a shining example of the racism that still exists in our country. Saying "All Lives Matter" in the face of Black Lives Matter is pretty much the same as saying "All Cancers Matter!" at a breast cancer fundraiser.

Second, there is a simple reason to explain why Black Lives Matter activists haven't shown "outrage" in ways that are

palatable to you: Those black people who kill other black people are put in prison.

Black Lives Matter was started in protest to the near certain acquittal of police officers who kill black people. Those officers are not put in prison. They aren't fired, they aren't punished and they usually keep their pensions. In other words, they don't face justice.

Black Lives Matter is focused on bringing light to the reality of racist murderous police officers who are not brought to justice. They picked this one issue out of countless that affect impoverished black communities, just like breast cancer fundraisers focus on one type of cancer that affects people. I spent two minutes on their website to confirm this. Before you cry foul, do your homework.

Jasmyn Hinton
Eugene

COLLIES AND PIT BULLS

Rita Castillo [Letters, 7/14], in a rambling screed, would like us to equate collies with pit bulls in terms of being a threat to humans and other pets. All I can say is: Rita, you are one clueless lady.

Doris Fetterling
Springfield

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