

THE ARC LANE COUNTY WOULD BE HONORED  
BY YOUR PRESENCE AT THE 17TH ANNUAL

## An Evening at the Chateau

Please join us August 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Chateau Lorane for our silent & live auction, dinner catered by Marché, and live music by Tonewood Trio.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website at [www.arclane.org](http://www.arclane.org)

The Arc Lane County is a local non-profit that supports adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The proceeds from our annual auction are used to fund our children's program, *Jumpstart!* A unique afterschool, weekend, and summer program, *Jumpstart!* is designed specifically for children who experience I/DD. This program focuses on teaching communication & daily living skills through classroom activities and community recreation, and targets the development of fine & gross motor skills through dramatic play, sensory stimulation, recreation, dance therapy, and community outings.

We look forward to seeing you on August 10th!



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## LETTERS

Perhaps he would have the left-leaning, latte-drinking, NPR-listening elites boycott the OSF until it agrees to section off some seats for homeless people of color, with a nice Chardonnay waiting for them at intermission. Money thus saved could be used to fund more locally appropriate entertainments such as monster truck rallies and country music concerts for the indigent.

Better yet, we neoliberals in Ashland, Eugene and Corvallis could vote against our own interests, as so many of those living in Rumpistan have already done. We should certainly not tolerate progressive enclaves to persist in "Walden's Wonderland."

Unfortunately, Levin himself is silent on solutions for the unfolding tragedy at OSF. He infers that the wealthy white glitterati should feel ashamed for even visiting a place like Ashland. What would he propose for us po' folk who cannot afford \$108 seats at the Elizabethan Theatre? I suggest that rather than eating at Denny's, he could cleanse his (and all of our) sins by attending a screening of "Fate of the Furious" at Gateway Mall.

Until then, I decline to accept any guilt for supporting quality theatre at OSF.

Jeff Freeman  
Corvallis

### ON THE POLE

In the Slant section of *Eugene Weekly's* pre-Oregon Country Fair issue (July 6), you wrote that "as the dust settles, we hope we will hear about efforts OCF makes to work with the native community to restore trust and build new bridges."

In response to your request, here is an example:

During the Saturday Standing Rock Indigenous Unity Panel, the owner of the Ritz Sauna and Showers was invited to speak at the end of the panel, which he did. Panel members were also invited to visit the Ritz and many accepted the invitation.

Creating awareness and a deeper level of understanding requires the willingness of all involved to actively listen to all voices.

Throughout the Fair the Ritz provided a public space for anyone to come and either write down her comments, concerns and ideas for the future or the opportunity to share her thoughts with a Ritz crew member directly.

Speaking for myself as a 30-plus year Ritz crew member, I do not think of the Story Pole as a "debacle." It is a piece of art that evokes different reactions from each person. One of the functions of art is to be a catalyst for conversations, and the Story Pole has succeeded in doing just that.

Alice C. Wheeler  
Eugene

### APPLES AND AUDITORS

Since at least 2002, Eugene government has been under attack by Bonny Bettman and associates in an effort to replace Eugene's council-manager form of government with an alternative that circumvents the city manager.

In recorded council meetings, George

Brown, one of the most intelligent and conscientious of councilors, complained bitterly that he could not control the city manager. Yet in the public record he joined the rest of the council in giving a unanimous favorable evaluation of the city manager in his employment review.

I have reviewed information on [city-accountability.org](http://city-accountability.org) and it seems to me the evidence of fault is pretty thin. There is no smoking gun. I discovered the city of Portland has no city manager. It has a city council that manages the city, and city auditor replaces the function of city manager.

Thus comparison between Eugene and Portland is apples and oranges. It is a bit too clever for the proponents of change to omit this fact.

The city of Eugene has an outstanding city management. It is better to improve what you know than to replace it with what you don't know. Please be careful of what you ask for.

John C Helmer  
Eugene

### PAY UP OR DIE

There are only three ways to provide health care: socialized healthcare, a free-market insurance-based system or a highly regulated hybrid of the two.

No one has ever had a successful free market system because the insurance industry doesn't make money by providing healthcare. They make money by withholding healthcare. They are motivated by profits and if people can't pay or have a medical condition that will cost them money, they will drop them and simply let them die.

Most societies have compassion for their poor and sick and provide universal coverage. They will either have a single-payer system or they will force the insurance companies to care for them with subsidies and regulation.

In an insurance-based system, the young and healthy must be coerced in some way to pay for those who are sick and old. Socialized medicine is always cheaper because it eliminates the profit motive and the care is often better because the caregivers are generally motivated by compassion rather than greed.

About 90 percent of the people in Medicare and other government run health systems like their care, and only about 3 percent is spent on administration. The rest of the cost goes for care.

In an unregulated insurance system, profits and administration eat up 30 to 40 percent of costs. Any good regulated system would look a lot like the ACA, which has mandates, limits profits and administration to 20 percent, and prohibits dropping people with pre-existing conditions.

Jesus recommends compassion over greed.

Jerry Brule  
Eugene

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