

MAKE IT SAFE

Heroin addiction among young adults between 18 and 25 has doubled in the past 10 years. A percentage of those addicts will die needlessly from a preventable overdose. Below is a sequence of events that heroin overdose survivors often face in this country.

Typically, with any known overdose, someone calls 911. Paramedics arrive and administer Narcan while police issue a felony citation for possession on the still-unconscious addict.

Eventually, the young man or woman goes to court and falls into a Kafkaesque labyrinthine legal bureaucracy for decades — a system that fails not only the addict but also the community of which the addict is a member.

What is the alternative? Methadone treatment programs? Many Oregon communities don't have them. There are two clinics in Lane County. Both have long waiting lists. Without immediate access into these clinics, addicts will continue to use, and many will overdose and die alone behind locked bathroom doors.

Safe injection sites would reduce emergency services calls, emergency room admissions, and the transmission of hepatitis C and other diseases. Such sites would also provide a nurturing context of care and understanding that supports detox and rehabilitation through admission referrals, treatment contact information and counseling services.

No one can recover from addiction if they are dead. Please support safe injection sites.

Jonathan Guske
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GOOSED AND GANDER

On Jan. 21, I was a spectator of the Women's March for Action in Eugene. In principle, I sympathized with the purpose of the march.

One thing bothered me. I saw lots of "Hate Trump" and "Impeach Trump," but I didn't see one sign calling for prosecution of Bill Clinton! Garrison Keillor, Bill Cosby, etc., have been charged, but not Clinton. Bill has been accused of raping women, and countless accusations of sexual harassment, in the workplace and elsewhere, have been made against him.

And, in what I call despicable, he took advantage of his position to prey on an intern just a few years older than his daughter Chelsea, then left her to twist in the wind of his lies and denials while the leftist press tore her to shreds.

There is nothing manly about this, and there is nothing feminist about covering for it (which Hillary did).

It's obvious to me that Bill's victims have either been "bought and paid for" or given the warning, "You want to go the 'Vince Foster' route?"

Lon Miller
Drain

NO TO MILITARY STRIKES

The Eugene Friends Meeting (Quaker) urges U.S. leaders to resist any temptation to wage a military strike against North Korea. Military force would cause massive loss of life and other horrific consequences

to Koreans and others.

Over 100,000 Americans live in South Korea, including thousands of civilians. As in Iraq, an attack on North Korea would have unintended consequences. War, especially nuclear war, would terribly damage the world's ecosystem.

Only patience, diplomacy and non-military interactions — like the current Olympics — hold promise for true peace building and a better future for the Korean peninsula. The destructive horror of the Korean War (1950-1953) must be remembered. *Newsweek* reported in 2017 that Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay, head of the Strategic Air Command during that war, claimed in a 1984 interview that U.S. bombs "killed off 20 percent of the population" and "targeted everything that moved in North Korea." Quakers have supported peaceful resolution of conflicts around the globe for more than 350 years, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and helping establish the UN and other conflict-resolution organizations.

In keeping with our historic Peace Testimony, we "utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fighting with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever."

Cimmeron Gillespie
Eugene Friends Meeting

WE'R FRACKED

More than 100,000 acres of southern Oregon public land was protected by the Agricultural Secretary from strip mining by Red Flat Nickel Corporation, a Panamanian subsidiary of a British investment firm. Oregonians "faced the prospect of a foreign company destroying an area of economic and environmental importance, pocketing profits and moving on."

How is this any different than the current permit filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Pembina, a Canadian Company, wanting to build a proposed 230-mile, 36-inch fracked-gas pipeline across southern Oregon from Malin to the Jordan Cove fracked gas export terminal in Coos Bay?

Nearly 400 streams and rivers will be threatened, along with traditional tribal territories, cultural resources and burial grounds; 600 private landowners will be threatened by eminent domain; the project would put 16,000 people in a hazardous burn zone and an export terminal in a seismic tsunami zone.

The export terminal project and increased fracked gas would become the largest greenhouse gas emitter in the state with 36.8 million metric tons. Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley has come out against this project. Who will be the other climate heroes to help stop this project?

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