

letters

SPEND WHAT YOU CAN

My wife and I were going out for dinner last night, but changed our minds due to concerns about exposing ourselves to COVID-19.

So we talked about going to a movie. We scrapped that for the same reason. Multiply these decisions times 150,000 and you begin to see how this is going to affect many of the businesses in Lane County. It's going to be staggering for many that rely on daily customer visits like restaurants, movie theaters, sandwich shops, possibly health clubs, etc.

No customer traffic means jobs will be lost and the effect will spiral. Many businesses may close, more jobs will be lost and so on.

If each of us bought a ticket or season pass to the movies, even if we decided not to use it, that could help. If we bought meals to go or to be delivered, or a gift card to a restaurant for use later on, that could help, too. You get the idea.

If each of us who has the financial ability would help out a little now, it may ease some of the problems down the road.

And if you can spare it, put an extra dollar in the tip jar. That person behind the counter is probably struggling to buy essentials, since they may not be working as many hours now.

Fred Ledgard
Eugene

MORRIS STANDS OUT

When I look at City Council Ward 1 candidates, Tim Morris stands out. I have seen him in action for four years, and he works tirelessly, contributes fresh ideas and helps move conversations to a resolution that can be supported and implemented.

I am looking for a candidate who has problem-solving skills and solid principles for decision-making. Although we can't know all issues that will emerge over the next four years, Tim's good judgment and creativity in crafting solutions give me confidence in his ability to address whatever challenges present themselves.

He is passionate about real-life concerns, for instance, providing affordable and accessible housing for Eugene to address our environmental problems with compact communities that reduce transportation costs and greenhouse gas emission and reduce taxpayer burden in paying for more unnecessary infrastructure.

Morris serves on a rule-making advisory committee for HBs 2001 and 2003,

so he is knowledgeable about the impacts they will make on our community. He proposes that we take more control of our community's future by writing our own rules for zoning codes so Eugene remains unique.

Vote for Tim Morris in the May election.
Carleen Reilly
Eugene

SNEAKY KASHINKSY

Eliza Kashinsky is a master at irony, if not outright deception.

Eugene Weekly reports (3/5): "Kashinsky describes her own area of living, the Jefferson West Side neighborhood, and says it historically has allowed more housing types than other areas. 'This creates neighborhoods like mine. And I like my neighborhood.'"

That Kashinsky "likes" her JWN neighborhood will surprise many of her neighbors who've witnessed her relentless attacks on JWN members and our past efforts.

Kashinsky repeatedly denigrates ground-breaking work by JWN residents and property owners that led to unanimous City Council approval of the Jefferson Westside Special Area Zone in 2009. Ironically, when Kashinsky landed in Eugene years later, she bought her single-family detached home in that very same zone.

In 2018, Kashinsky demonstrated more neighborly "love" by appealing, unsuccessfully, to the Land Use Board of Appeals to declare the S-JW [the Jefferson Westside Special Area] Zone in violation of state housing statutes. Recently Kashinsky appealed to LUBA again, with another attack on the S-JW Zone in mind. She'll fail once more, because the S-JW Zone has satisfied every statutory requirement since its inception.

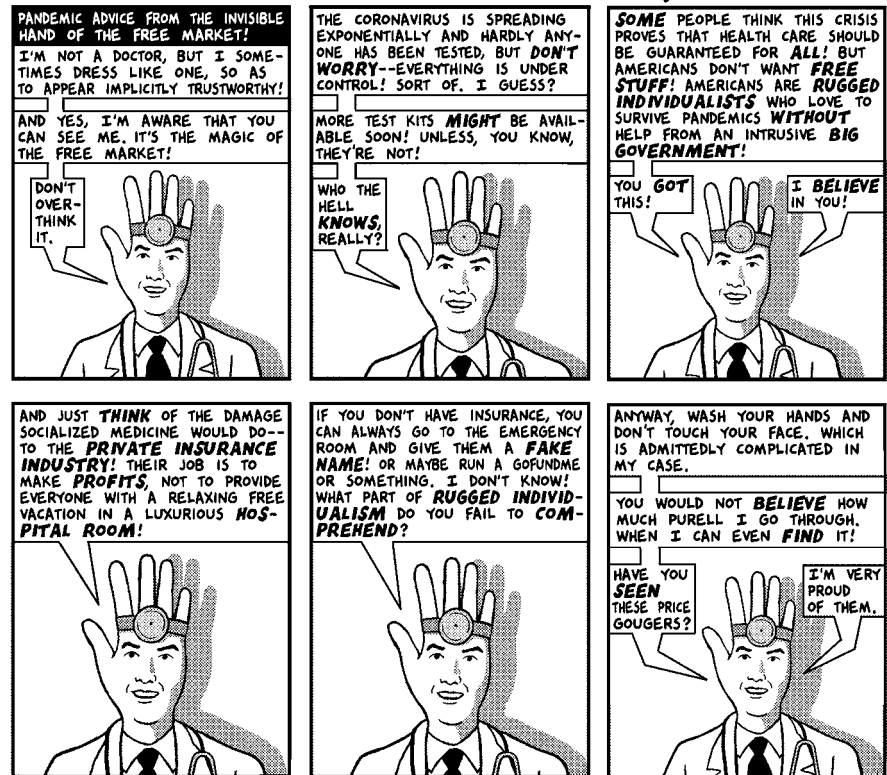
The S-JW Zone allows all housing types, including accessory dwellings, "middle housing" and apartments. JWN members crafted the S-JW Zone to promote affordable infill, while preventing "gentrification" and displacement of lower-income households.

Ward 1 voters aren't fooled. Current City Councilor Emily Semple strongly supports JWN members' efforts. All we've ever seen from Kashinsky are sneaky, behind-the-scenes attempts to impose her "I know best" opinions on JWN residents and property owner.

Paul Conte
Eugene
Former Chair, Jefferson Westside Neighbors

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



SUPPORT LCC BOND

One of the fastest growing areas for employment is healthcare. Job demand is extremely high and employment rates near 100 percent. Our population is outgrowing the number of skilled healthcare workers available.

Lane Community College trains the vast majority of the first responders and healthcare workers for our area. Applications for these programs exceed the current space available for training.

After six years in a temporary space, the LCC Dental Clinic needs to come back to campus!

Education needs to be affordable, and the teaching spaces need to be updated for safety. A "yes" vote for the LCC bond can help fix this! Go to LaneCC.edu and click on the LCC Bond 2020 link to see how.

If the bond passes, LCC gets an \$8 million matching grant for Health Professions programs. Please invest in the education and health of our community. Vote "yes" to help LCC train the people that are so needed to meet our healthcare demands.

Leslie Greer
Dexter

APPRECIATES PETE

Being represented by Peter DeFazio is one of the many reasons I love living in the 4th Congressional District. DeFazio is smart, honest and hardworking. Even when I disagree with some step he takes along the way, I can see that he is taking a path I respect and operating with values I share.

He has a gift for explaining his positions in terms we can understand and for setting priorities with a view to the long haul. This is especially clear in his new infrastructure package.

DeFazio's proposal details a strategy to fight climate change while promoting economic policies that will lift the working class and move us toward a zero carbon pollution transportation system. His proposal accommodates the complex demands of the whole community, which needs sustainable solutions that improve environmental justice and protect natural resources, while creating good jobs that pay family wages.

The transition to transportation systems that are resilient, prudent and environmentally sustainable will not be easy. Each of us can expect some changes in our lives. But with DeFazio's leadership we will find ways to succeed, sharing the costs and handing down the benefits for generations to come.

We need DeFazio in Washington, D.C., to continue his work for things we all need: good jobs, sustainable infrastructure and a green future.

Mary Leighton
Eugene

THE GARAGE SALE PARTY

For Sale: A large pile of shit, accumulated since January 20, 2017. I've made many attempts to rid myself of this shit, but it won't go away. I deal with it daily and the abiding stench can keep a fellow from both sleep and tranquility. I'm hop-

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