

letters

REAL LEADERS SERVE, NOT BULLY

It's great to see neighbors speaking up about toxic bullies like Paul Conte ("Conte Will Stop at Nothing," Letters, June 1). For too long, he's had an outsized influence in our community and is inhibiting real progress in Eugene, specifically the Jefferson Westside. We also need to call out the accomplices and enablers who cowardly support him, silently hiding behind their Conte-bulldog to maintain a do-gooder facade.

We need to call out such bully-trolls and expel them from our community forums if they refuse to change. Such patriarchal programming has no place in our communities and shared future.

We need servant leaders who can understand the changing needs of our communities and operate for the good of everyone. Servant leaders aren't concerned with retaining power, but achieving good faith representation for those they serve. They're curious, not reactionary. They don't want to maintain a status quo nor push their own agenda; they know evolution is necessary for community growth and creating prosperity for all. Servant leaders want to elevate their communities to their highest potential.

Matthew Coe
Eugene

THANKS TO THAT HAPPENING GUY PAUL NEEVEL

I would like to thank Paul Neevel for his "Happening People" column (*Eugene Weekly*, May 25). He knows how to make a person sound more interesting than they really are. My sisters read the article and asked, "Who are they talking about? That's not the Lee I know." But thank you, Paul, for the great story about me.

I would also like to highlight two of the many other great organizations I volunteer for, Lane Senior Support Coalition, working with Aging and Disability Resource Connection in aiding low-income seniors with financial needs, and Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County, Suicide Prevention Training.

Thank you *Eugene Weekly* for highlighting these two great organizations.

Lee A. Bliven II
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DON'T STOOP TO PERSONAL ATTACKS

I once moderated a political debate forum. The number one rule was, and is, no personal attacks. I read the lengthy opinion penned by Anya Dobrowolski, Jesselyn Perkins, and Jacob and Matie Trewé (Letters, June 1). and I failed to discover any information, data or reasoned argument. It was simply an emotionally charged personal attack against Paul Conte.

I am not a friend, ally, or acquaintance of Conte, but I despair of fact-free personal attacks that leave no one better informed. It is a tactic I associate with right wing media. Shame on *Eugene Weekly* for using precious newspaper space for such dross.

Laurie Nicholson
Eugene

Editor's Note: The letter in question was specific in its allegations against Conte, from Conte calling City Council candidate Barbie Walker "a whore" to anti-transit campaigns, and as such was not an ad hominem attack.

WHAT IF IT'S THE GAS STOVE?

I have always loved cooking with gas. Seven years ago I would have bought a gas stove if I'd had a gas connection. But, now, I have a grandson who seems to be perpetually sick. In his first two years, he has been in the ER more times than I can count. One day he's fine and the next day he can't breathe.

He was born in New England in December when all the windows are closed up tight. My son and daughter-in-law have a gas stove. When I've been to visit, I could smell the fumes. Never once did the doctor or nurse question them about their gas stove.

There is simply no data available on gas stoves in homes where people suffer from asthma. None. Is the natural gas industry so powerful that even to question its safety is prohibited? This shouldn't be a partisan issue. Wouldn't you want to know what's causing our children's health problems? What if it's the stove? I've read that getting a home tested is very difficult. Why is that?

Margaret Moore
Eugene

TAKE BACK THE LEGISLATURE

Measure 113, overwhelmingly approved by voters last year, was touted as a way to prevent Republicans from shutting down the Legislature. It is obviously a total failure. More than that, because of its complexity and vagueness, the Republicans may litigate it all the way to the Supreme Court, where they may win.

This year it is time to do it right. We all need to urge any and all groups to form a coalition to submit another measure to the next ballot. This one will be simple. It will change the Constitution to make the quorum necessary to open a session a simple majority. Walkouts would no longer affect the Legislature's ability to function. Forty-six other states work this way — it's time for Oregon to join them.

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