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letters

EW IS FULLY BACK!

Crosswords and Savage and scopes (*EW*, 6/20). Oh my!

Leo Muzzy
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YES, HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Hello, is this the Eugene complaints department? I'd like to file a claim on semi-trucks engine braking as they enter town on the Washington Jefferson Bridge. It's a cacophony that echoes through the Whit at all hours. I can sleep through the many 150 dB train horns and people fighting at 3 am, but this sputtering is a nuisance too far. I suggest a prohibitively expensive physical traffic control to slow trucks north of the river. No? Then consider implementing a fine like you can see up and down the I5 in towns far less dense than here. You don't even have to enforce it for it to help more than nothing.

Penelope Pascal
Eugene

BUTTS AND EW

Eugene Weekly's Portland publisher sold out this week (6/20) with a full-page Camel ad. Was it a vintage edition? Advertising carcinogens like it was the 1950s? No, it was current. Sad.

History has shown that it is impossible to out-spend Big Tobacco. Is this a preview of coming attractions? We hope not.

We are readers. We also have been loyal *EW* supporters.

Jan Walker, Bill Winkley, Elaine Holcomb and Linda Gordon
Eugene

Editor's Note: Please see Slant for our response to the Camel ad questions and concerns.

MORE ABOUT BUTTS

Really, *Eugene Weekly*? A full-page ad for cigarettes? Makes me rethink the donation I gave you.

Norma Sax
Eugene

SEE SILENT SKY AT VLT

Every feminist and every misogynist in our area should see the brilliant production of a play — *Silent Sky* — of a true story of three women astronomy pioneers who ultimately triumph over men who claim their vision backed by their research! Meticulously acted, flawlessly blocked and beautifully staged, this VLT play may well bring you to tears as it does the lead actress! (And me.)

One more weekend before closing.

Bill Winkley
Eugene

MESSAGE TO KAARIN KNUDSON

Housing! Enough and affordable for mid income.

All necessary support for low income housing.

It's the heart of our city's needs.

Simrat Kaur Annski Williams
Eugene

LIST FOR A NEW MAYOR

Thank you for asking. Here's my list of suggestions for Kaarin Knudson:

1. Place a stop sign at Potter and 29th in front of the new Camas Ridge School.
2. Mandate solar panels on all public buildings.
3. Issue stricter water conservation measures city-wide.
4. Regulate the sale and use of Round-up and other toxic chemicals for home use.
5. Introduce weekly car-free weekends downtown.
6. Change building codes to allow greywater use for toilets.
7. Build more safe bike lanes like those on Alder and 13th Avenue.
8. Make recycling of plastic easier for individual households.
9. Institute mandatory recycling of materials for all demolition projects.
10. Buy smaller buses that run more frequently.
11. Ban old diesel trucks from all public worksites.
12. Ask the trash companies to split up neighborhoods instead of working the same ones twice a week.

Jack Cooper
Eugene

A SMART METER RESISTER

Regarding your June 13 news story ("Meter War"), I am one of the smart meter resisters you implicitly ridiculed with your snarky reference to "tin foil hats." There are a lot of us, very different individuals who nonetheless have a common purpose: trying to stop EWEB's irresponsible smart meter mandate and reprehensible enforcement actions.

In 2013 EWEB commissioners adopted a "Statement of Principles for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project" that included: "Customers should be able to refuse the installation of a smart meter...give customers choice, not mandates." Were those commissioners wearing tin foil hats? That principle is exactly what we are demanding EWEB return to!

Besides choosing now to ignore the numerous smart meter health, safety and privacy issues, EWEB has harassed its ratepayer-owners by sending threatening letters and emails, dispatching security guards to our homes,

and even shutting off many people's power. Because EWEB has reversed course and dismissed its customers' valid concerns, and acted aggressively against us, we have had to resort to legal action.

People elsewhere in Oregon and in other states from California to Maine have been challenging the lock-step imposition of dangerous smart meters on our homes. Education matters. Our website, FamiliesforSAFEtechnology.org, provides local information and useful resources. A comprehensive site I recommend is SmartMeterEducationNetwork.com.

I encourage your readers to learn the details of what this technology involves. You, too! Because the smart meter controversy deserves thorough, investigative and responsible reporting.

Dennis Hoerner
Eugene

IN RESPONSE

Since I've been referenced by Charles Dunaway's letter to the editor (*EW*, 6/13), I feel compelled to address some of his inaccuracies. Dunaway leapt to an assumption of me that damages his credibility; I did not identify as religious. My perspective is driven by my deep concern for any nation or people that is targeted for annihilation by Hamas, or any other terrorist group. This concern extends to the Uighurs in China, Yemen and to Ukraine, too.

Hamas, a recognized terrorist organization, does not recognize the right of Israel to exist. Hamas hides among Palestinian civilians, which results in civilian casualties. Pro-Palestine protesters are being played by Hamas propaganda as well as by Iranian and Russian propaganda.

Terms like Nakba, Zionism, Open-Air Prison and Occupation are promoted by Hamas to sensationalize their lies and describe their "version" of events. The Nakba was a result of a directive of the Pan-Arab League who told the Palestinians to flee prior to the Arab states' upcoming invasion of the area. It's hardly an open-air prison when Hamas can bring in rockets to fire at Israel and build hundreds of underground tunnels. Regarding the occupation — Israel hasn't been in Gaza since 2005.

Zionism, at its essence, arose as a way for the Jewish people to save their lives following many centuries of anti-Semitism. It was to return to their original homeland. The Bible offers abundant evidence of the presence of Israelites and Jews in what is now Israel — their Hebrew language, kings, temples, artifacts, arts, music and their religion.

Zenia Liebman
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