

letters

THANK YOUS AND MAD ABOUT PROTEST OPINION

From Black Thistle Street Aid

On June 26 at Whirled Pies, Black Thistle Street Aid celebrated our five-year anniversary with a beautiful evening of fundraising, reflection and connection. Thanks to Eugene Weekly for spreading the word, and to everyone near and far who showed up in support. Together, we raised nearly \$12,000!

We are deeply humbled and filled with gratitude by the support. Every dollar is a boomerang: coming in from the community and going right back out to those who need it most. These funds will help us provide medical respite hotel stays for people discharged from the hospital without a safe place to heal, prescription assistance, transportation to and from care, prenatal and postpartum support, survival gear, wound care supplies for our street outreach and pop-up clinic and so much more.

As a small volunteer team with very little grant funding, it's the community support that has kept us going. You've helped us show up week after week, year after year, to offer care rooted in dignity, compassion, and harm reduction and we could not have done this work the past five years without you.

In a time when so many systems are failing the most vulnerable among us, and the futures of community programs are more uncertain than ever, we ask that you continue to show up for one another. Give each other some patience, compassion and understanding. Let's keep working toward a better world where no one is forgotten, and where care is not a privilege, but a shared value.

Bridgette Butler
Eugene

Time for Revised Tactics

I was very glad that EW ran two articles that, I gather, have been getting a lot of comments. The first, of course, was the news story about transgender people having chosen to arm themselves as a result of the government inspired hate campaign against trans people that has been raging (EW, 6/19).

The second, of course, was Doyle Srader's column questioning whether large marches were useful as a way of opposing the current administration, or whether it would increase polarization (EW, 6/26).

For what it is worth, given the current political environment, I think it is perfectly logical for a trans person to choose to arm themselves. However, I think the current ideological divide is too hardened for an additional march to have any impact one way or the other.

However, both articles were honest attempts to grapple with our current political situation and implicitly acknowledged that we live in a different country than we did last year. And a different reality calls for revised tactics.

Art Bollmann
Springfield

We Must Do Something

I'm sure Doyle Srader is correct that the solution to autocratic sentiment requires solving the problems of the people who are fed up with democracy (EW, 6/26).

The solutions I can imagine for giving dissatisfied citizens more security and dignity involve getting authoritarians out of office before they enforce total fascism, and then getting democratic (small d) politicians and administrators to pass legislation and implement policies that will make the tax system more progressive, tracking

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

OKAY, THE PATHETIC MEDIA SIMPS ARE GONE! WE CAN REVEAL OUR TRUE SELVES!

PRASE TRUMP! MAIN-TAINING THE CONSTANT ILLUSION OF HUMAN FORM IS EXHAUSTING!

KRISTI-- GIVE ME A STATUS UPDATE!

OUR MISSION TO TURN AMERICA INTO A LITERAL HELL ON EARTH IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN, SIR! WE'LL ELIMINATE ANY REMAINING SHREDS OF HUMAN DECENTY FROM THIS COUNTRY IN NO TIME!

ALL SHALL WORSHIP TRUMP, LORD OF THE DARK REALM!

I HAVE TO ADMIT, SIR, I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE THIS EASY! WE'RE DESTROYING SCIENCE, HEALTH CARE, THE ECONOMY--AND THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY ITSELF!

OUR SECRET STATE POLICE HAVE IMPOSED A REIGN OF TERROR!

AND WE'VE GOT A CONCENTRATION CAMP--THAT SELLS BRANDED MERCHANDISE!

MAKE SURE I'M GETTING A CUT OF THE PROFITS, BY THE WAY.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, SIR.

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND--HOW ARE WE GETTING AWAY WITH ALL OF THIS?

IT'S SIMPLE! TRUMP VOTERS DON'T MIND SUFFERING--AS LONG AS OTHERS SUFFER MORE!

BY THE TIME THEIR DEAL WITH THE DEVIL CATCHES UP WITH THEM--IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

MILLER! WHY ARE YOU STILL CLOAKED IN YOUR HUMAN DISGUISE?

OH, I'M NOT ACTUALLY A DEMON, SIR--I JUST SUPPORT YOUR OBJECTIVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY!

HUH! WHO KNEW!

MIGHT I SUGGEST BUILDING A COLOSSEUM--WHERE IMMIGRANTS CAN BE FED TO LIONS ON LIVE TV?

I LIKE THE WAY THIS MOR-TAL THINKS.

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