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OPINION

letters

AMAZON, SRADER-HATERS, BIRDS AND TRASH

Please Reply by July 22

In response to the article “Possible Amazon Distribution Center up for Public Comment” (EW, 7/10), as a local resident and breather of our often-already polluted air, reading this made me absolutely furious. I want to invite fellow readers and residents of this valley to submit public comments urging the LRAPA to deny this air pollution permit application by July 22.

Corporations can claim they will not exceed their permitted limits, and that their emissions will not impact non-permitted areas, but how will that be tracked and enforced? They are trying to get an air pollution permit for 2,592 vehicle trips per day. The main facility would be the size of six football fields. In order to build this distribution center, 9 acres of (carbon-storing) wetlands will need to be paved over.

Our valley often gets temperature inversions which trap and stagnate the air, causing emissions to collect and build up while the inversion is in place.

We also must think of the combined health impact of seasonal wildfire smoke with a drastic uptick in vehicle emissions.

Please join me in submitting public comments urging the LRAPA to deny this air pollution permit application by July 22.

Something I learned this week from a paralegal at an environmental law firm is that even if public comments don’t sway the decision either way, they can still be very helpful in future lawsuits (and there will be lawsuits — J.H. Baxter, anyone?).

River Shepherd
Springfield

See You on the Streets

I can’t help but laugh regarding Jerry Ritter’s rather humorous thoughts regard-

ing the “Srader Haters” marching in the streets (EW, 7/10). First of all, Doyle Srader — aka Dr. Srader, instructor of speech and communications at Bushnell University — believes marches in the streets is taking Donald Trump’s bait. Looks like Srader took the bait and voted for Trump?

Back to Ritter — look in the mirror and you will see an immigrant, unless you are a Native American. Yep, the 34-count felon Trump, bankrupted six times, lied to the MAGA cult and they took the bait on Nov. 5, 2024! Yep, Day 1, the groceries dropped like Trump’s comb-over on a windy day! Yep, within 24 hours “Bone Spurs in the Heal Trump” would end the war in Ukraine! Yep, deport immigrants. Where’s my lettuce?

Yep, Ritter seems to have a problem with destructive riots. Yep, Trump patriot rioters on Jan. 6, 2021 resulted in the death of two D.C. police officers! How about that for backing the Blue? Yep, ol’ Donnie believes in the rule of law — he pardoned the 1,600 convicted insurrectionists! The MAGA thugs caused an estimated \$2.1 billion in damages to America’s Capitol Building! Yep, Trump golfing. So far, \$30 million of taxpayers’ dollars! Yep, How about the Jeffery Epstein files MAGA voters were promised? Now that’s funny!

Yep, this Vietnam veteran will be in the streets fighting for democracy and the constitutional rights of everyone who is in America.

Frank Harper
Springfield

Councilor Keating Responds

Regarding a letter from Sam Parker (EW, 6/26):

Like you, I mourn for the loss of CAHOOTS. However, I remain hopeful and supportive of the shared vision for a new CAHOOTS-like program in Eugene.

As I understand it, former CAHOOTS staff, now Willamette Valley Crisis Care, have formed a board as they seek a nonprofit entity to administer their proposed “CAHOOTS 2.0” crisis on the streets program.

To capture vital Medicaid matching

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

WHOOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO A NAZI POST ON "X" THE EVERYTHING APP!

WHOOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY RESTORED A BUNCH OF FORMERLY-BANNED NAZI ACCOUNTS ON "X"!

WHOOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY GAVE A NAZI SALUTE AT AN INAUGURAL RALLY! TWICE!

WHOOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY POSTED A SERIES OF HILARIOUS, NAZI-THEMED PUNS ON "X"!

WHOOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY TRAINED MY A.I. TO GO FULL NAZI! IT WAS LITERALLY CALLING ITSELF "MECHA-HITLER"!

WOW, I WONDER WHAT COMICAL, NAZI-THEMED MISHAP AWAITS ME TODAY!

WELL, I'M OFF TO GET A GIANT BACK TATTOO! I TOLD THE TATTOO ARTIST TO JUST SURPRISE ME!

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