

the serial injustices that have beset the native population.

When someone says (concerning the casino), "I don't want to do anything to hurt the Indians," we must remember that the entire community suffers when casino gambling comes to town. Any group that promotes casino gambling promotes by the way of effect, increased prostitution, divorce rates, alcoholism, drunk driving and bankruptcies. Whether it is the Donald Trumps of this world or the shadowy financial backers that court the various tribes to build casinos, it doesn't matter. The social services that address the needs of our community are currently burdened to capacity. The increases in caseload for services such as gambling addiction and spousal abuse is not acceptable.

When we say "no" to casino gambling we say "yes" to Florence.

Steve Jeffries
Florence

SAVING THE WILLAMETTE

As home to over two-thirds of our state's populace, the Willamette River Valley could literally be seen as the heart of Oregon. Unfortunately, the waterway that serves as the lifeline to this area has been abused and neglected for far too long. The river should be a point of pride to all Oregonians; sadly, it has instead been utilized as the personal dumping grounds of private industry. With high levels of arsenic, lead, and mercury, the heart of Oregon is rapidly approaching a state of cardiac arrest.

Fortunately, we have a governor who has promised to "turn the paperwork into results" and clean up the Willamette before it's too late. The necessary framework for cleaning the river

is already in place. Outdated discharge permits need to be brought up to reasonable standards. The Department of Environmental Quality needs to monitor pollution levels and fine violators, in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act. By taking these relatively simple steps we can once again make the Willamette a source of recreation and relaxation for all of Oregon to enjoy. I urge the governor to follow through on his plan to free the river from the grip of industry and put it back where it belongs: in the hands of the people.

Chris Gaylord
Eugene


CHAVEZ BELTLINE

Well, we've stepped up to the plate, or stumbled over it actually, to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Maybe now it's time to step up again and recognize our growing Hispanic community and honor another great American, Cesar Chavez. Beltline touches both Eugene and Springfield and I-105 cuts through both cities. Neither would adversely impact addresses and both carry more local and visitor traffic than Centennial ever does and both would have the signage on I-5 to proclaim to all passersby our decision to honor diversity.

Most important, it would afford both city councils a rare opportunity to make a joint, generous, magnanimous and hopefully unanimous decision. One of these thoroughfares could easily be named for Chavez and the other could still be named for MLK.

Also, maybe our coastal port authorities could act as incubators to help form membership clubs to support local family fishing businesses. Coastal and inland members could pay annual

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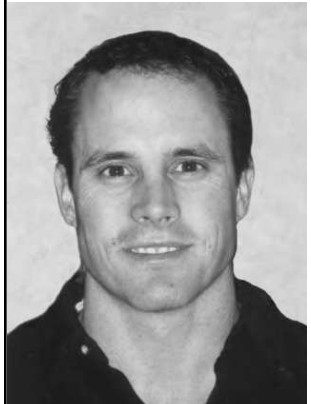
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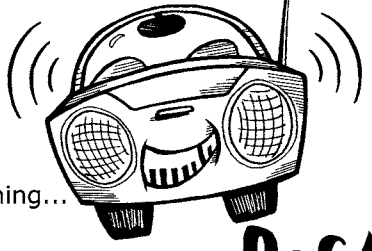
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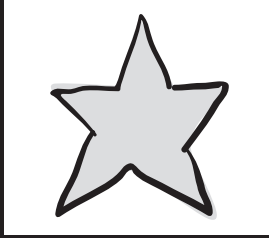
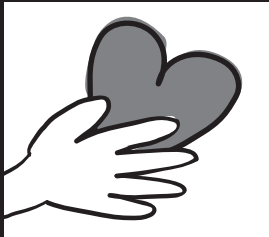
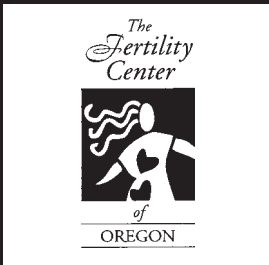


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