

“Profiled” I would like to highlight the point that Attorney General John Ashcroft is in favor of racial profiling, which I feel is blatant racial discrimination. We cannot have a government that is racist because the greatest truth of America is that it is a land of many colors, races, beliefs and holds the ideal of democracy — for the people, of the people, by the people.

Next November we must make a choice whether we want a government who continues to allow racist practices or shall we choose a government who will represent the people of America no matter their DNA?

*Gourangi Raisz
Eugene*

LOCAL SOLUTION

Thank you for your cover article “Know Your Food” (10/23). You addressed many important issues related to food production and consumption. However, the author neglected to mention the local solution to many of the problems of current industrial food production; the Lane County Farmer’s Market.

Patronize the Farmer’s Market if you want to buy food grown within a two-hour drive of downtown Eugene, meet and get to know the people who produce the food (they’re some of the friendliest and most helpful folks around). Ask questions about the methods practiced at the farm, and eat the highest quality agricultural products anywhere.

*Mark Corley
Eugene*

POT AS MEDICINE

Regarding Michael Hinojosa’s letter “Slapping Rush”(10/30) about Limbaugh’s “slap on the wrist,” I, too, have difficulty with celebs jumping at the flavor of the month spin-drys for show. But even big fat jerks deserve help. But what I really have difficulty with is the old ’60s mentality regarding pot or medical marijuana.

Comparing David Chong’s situation, a man who has virtually made a living off of drugs, in one way or another for 30 years and someone who has become dependent on painkillers due to medical problems, is just another red herring for the pro potters.

THC is not a very efficient pain med. And though it is less likely to make you addicted to it than, say, Oxycodone or its time release version, Oxycontin, it still can. Especially at the high THC values that today’s growers are striving for.

I am a recovering addict. And a cancer survivor. During my recovery from surgery and the chemo/radiation, I used Oxycodone, as prescribed, to ease the pain and discomfort. I am not saying that any addict should use opiates, medically. It worked for me and for me to even consider using medical marijuana or street pot for my recovery was just moronic.

Addiction comes in the person not the bottle, jar or bag. Rush would be where he is right now whether he used one of Chong’s products or not.

*Colin Campbell
Eugene*

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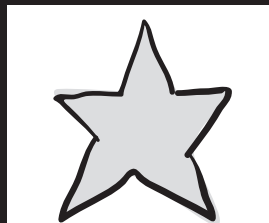
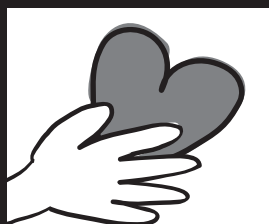
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