

of mutual respect and expect them to be educated to know what respect means in different cultures, mostly they don't because of their education. The few who educate themselves are cherished, but they aren't usually deans or faculty.

We in the community have to both prepare folks to deal effectively with culturally hostile environments (colleges don't) and make those environments more hospitable.

Mark Harris
Eugene

IGNORING DANGER

I am disappointed that the House of Representatives passed a dirty, dangerous energy bill. What a dirty way to desecrate Earth Day! This bill won't decrease consumer prices at the gas pumps, but it will increase Oregon's dependence on oil, weaken environmental protections and squander billions in taxpayer handouts to wealthy special interests. It will also allow the federal government to ignore local concerns over Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities.

Communities across the country have fought to keep out LNG, a dangerous business with a history of accidents. An explosion close to a city could kill hundreds and injure thousands of people. If this bill becomes law, it won't matter what local communities want and cities and towns along Oregon's coasts could be imperiled. Our representatives should be ashamed to vote for a bill that leaves local communities powerless to defend against potentially dangerous facilities.

Fortunately, we still have a chance to do something about this. We can stop this bill by convincing our senators to oppose it.

Erin Cianchette
Eugene

MUST BE A SNITCH

Thanks for your short opinion piece (4/28) comparing the ridiculous 22-year prison sentence of local environmentalist Jeff "Free" Luers for burning three SUVs with the eight-year prison sentence of California's Billy Cottrell for burning more than 125 of them. There are literally countless examples of people committing more extreme acts than "Free" and getting much less severe punishment. Some local examples can be found at: <http://freefreenow.org/sentences.html>

My speculation is Billy Cottrell probably got a lesser sentence because he "snitched" on his codefendants during trial. If "Free" had renounced the environmental movement and placed the blame on his co-defendant, he probably would have been given more lenient punishment. Prosecutors reward snitches; they don't reward standing by your principles.

Thanks also for mentioning the June 10-12 Weekend of Resistance for "Free." More info on the activities can be found at <http://freefreenow.org/june2005.html> A great

event is planned locally and people should contact breakthechains02@yahoo.com for details.

Steven Gider
Eugene

HONEST HEADLINES

Regarding Toxic Brew (4/28 news story): Doesn't simply honest reporting require headlines something like: "East Earth Herb Eugene's #1 Polluter," or "East Earth Herb Dumps six times more than No. 2," or "East Earth Herb's Recovery Lags, Flushes 55% of its Toxins"?

If I read this correctly Mr. Pittman confirms that: East Earth Herb uses 887,000 pounds of toxic chemicals, and of the chemicals released, flushes "most of the chemical" toxins into Eugene's sewers. Hynix uses sulfuric acid but releases none of it. Hynix releases 15 percent as many pounds of toxins as East Earth Herb. Hynix releases 2.2 percent of the toxins it uses. For comparison, the second biggest user releases .5 percent of its toxins. The third biggest user releases "almost none" of its toxins.

I congratulate EW and Mr. Pittman for including relevant facts within the article. Eugene would be better served if your story followed your facts, not your bias.

Ed Thompson
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: The numbers only tell part of the story. It's difficult to compare the total environmental impact of any one company with another. How does alcohol down the sewer compare to carcinogens discharged into the air? Any local experts care to weigh in?

MARRIAGE SAVED

Whew! Thanks to the Oregon Supreme Court for defending marriage! For the last year or so, due to the actions of the Multnomah County Commissioners, I have felt my 18-year-marriage crumbling.

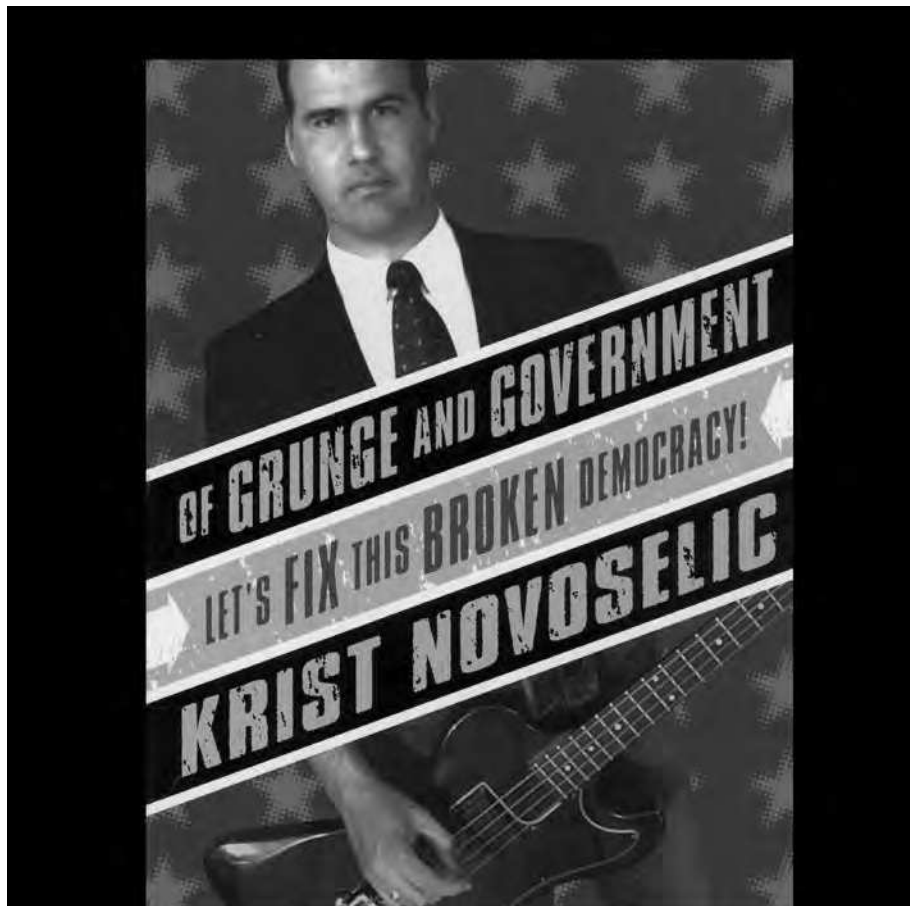
But in a rush, like mainlining Cialis, all is right with the world. Plus, I will save money now that I have decided not to take neither the hair dressing nor the interior decorating class. Will you please cancel my ad in the "Men Seeking Men" section?

Doug Hintz
Eugene

KIND STRANGERS

I am a person of limited means who used to be of even more limited means. I've been on the receiving end of charity in this town and have marveled at the creative efforts of the marginalized to hang on day and night. I see the canners and gleaners work the streets during trash night as I deliver my newspapers; I step over sleeping homeless people huddled in a concrete vestibule on rainy nights. I'm lucky: I had a family that could help me when hard times came.

Jimi wasn't so lucky. She sustained a head injury which left her with few teeth and too unfocused to do her office job. She's a middle class person accustomed to paying her own way, so to eat, she collects bottles and cans and



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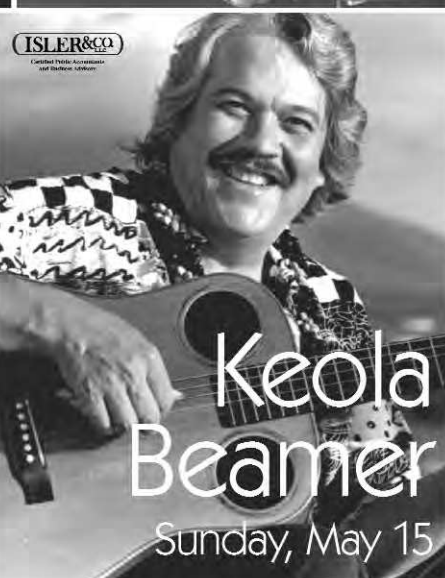
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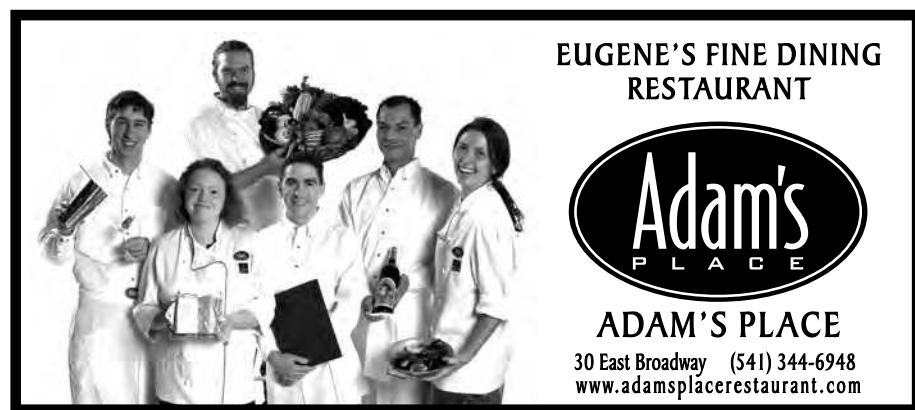
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