

of verbal harassment toward certain members of the Drag Kings, the Playboyz opted out of the show. Needless to say, we will no longer be performing there.

The Playboyz are about performing with enthusiasm for our fans in venues that are queer-friendly, employee-friendly — and just plain friendly. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming shows at venues where we are made to feel comfortable, and where everybody is about having a good time.

*The Playboyz
Eugene*

OBNOXIOUS

That's right, Date Girl is objectionable, obnoxious, offensive and of no redeeming value, and I choose not to read it. It's not as if Date Girl is a *EW* column, it's an advertisement for The Freudian Slip. As a red-blooded American consumer, I choose not to set foot inside of that business. So there.

*Jim Bolker
Corvallis*

ON OUR OWN

The district attorney's office is no longer going to prosecute "minor" crimes because "we don't have the resources." My assumption is that this means citizens are on their own and will have to fend for themselves against the hordes of hoodlums running rampant in our neighborhoods.

Just watch what happens when one of these punks ends up hurt or dead at the hands of a citizen protecting his or her property. "Resources" to prosecute that citizen will be readily available.

*Jerry Ritter
Springfield*

ON GELATO NATION

Being born and raised in Germany, I grew up eating gelato at the Italian gelaterias. As I read the article (Chow, 4/28) it was clear that your writer didn't do her homework. She warns vegetarians from eating gelato, due to its gelatin content. "Pfui" I thought, they put gelatin in gelato? I have never eaten gelato made with gelatin in Europe, ever. So I researched it.

She claims the name gelato comes from the name gelatina. Gelato and gelatina have different meanings. According to an Italian/English dictionary, gelato means iced or frozen. Gelatina means gelatin. Just because the two words sound similar in Italian doesn't mean they have the same meaning.

Researching recipes, the only gelato recipes with gelatin I could find came from American recipe sources. I did find out that many Americans mistakenly think that gelato is made with gelatin, and that true gelato is never made with gelatin or egg whites.

Gelato was created in Italy by the people of Dolomite and by Sicilians. In Dolomite the

gelato was made with milk, cream, sugar, egg yolk, and natural flavors. In Sicily, it was predominantly water-based, higher in sugar and called "sorbetto." Gelato is lower in fat than American ice-cream and is denser. I have eaten gelato at Lucky Noodle and Francesco's. Francesco's gelato tastes more like what I remember eating at the Italian gelaterias. I did not like the gelato at Lucky Noodle.

Hmm, must have been the secret ingredient I didn't know about.

*Isabell Norman
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: You are correct about traditional European gelato. True gelato does not require gelatin as a thickener, but many gelato recipes do include gelatin. Only Café Lucky Noodle confirmed their use of gelatin in their gelato.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

As a gun owner, I respect the right to own firearms and the importance of gun education. I recognize that the Isaac Walton League (IWL) shooting range south of Eugene existed before I lived in the area. There's hypocrisy in advocating moving a known nuisance after the fact. However, when the range was created, there was no understanding of lead contamination, lower-powered weapons didn't risk injury at distances of today's weapons, and noise pollution from firearms was lower.

This unsupervised range is well within shooting distance of large numbers of homes and schools (NRA range handbook). No incidents related to discharge have been reported, but we cannot wait for children to be hurt. Topography does not protect from misfires and stray bullets.

Last July, a jury found the IWL negligent of polluting the watershed. Despite a settlement that should have forced cleanup of lead contamination, and in defiance of previous settlements to resolve damaging effects of dangerous activity so close to residents, virtually no action has been taken by the IWL or officials.

Misbehavior by IWL members and interlopers presents enormous dangers from stray gunfire, unattended bonfires and pollution. Risk of wildfire is tremendous given the location at the bottom of a heavily wooded valley. As a volunteer firefighter, this is truly frightening to me.

The IWL expanded without regard to their Conditional Use Permit, with almost no enforcement by Lane County, including creation of a new range on neighbors' property, firing south where topography offers no protection, and "pistol pits" where hundreds of rounds per minute are discharged.

The IWL applied for a new conditional use permit encompassing its illegal expansion to "grandfather" it in. Shockingly, Lane County approved this permit. An appeal of this horrendous decision to Lane County Board of Commissioners is pending.

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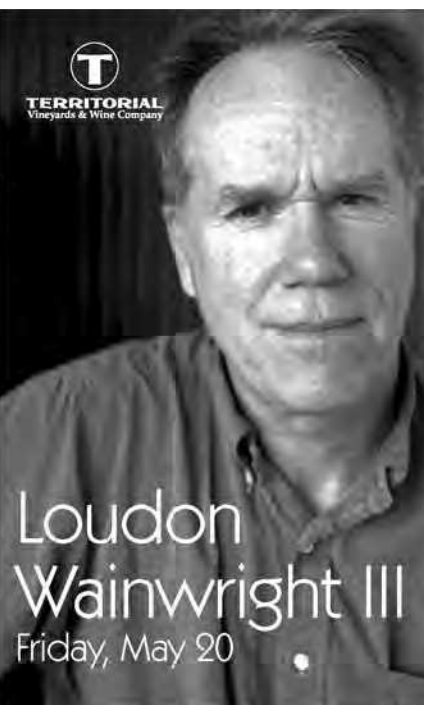
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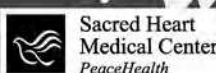
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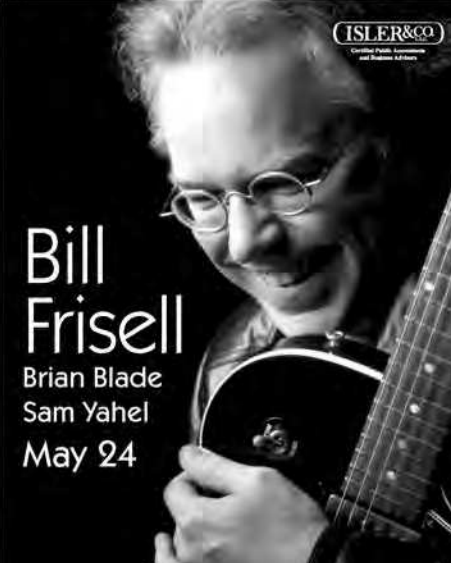
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