

would otherwise end up in the landfill. So manufacturing and distribution costs compared to those of conventional diesel, derived from fossil fuel pumped from thousands of feet below the ground in the Middle East or Venezuela or wherever, shipped around the world and heavily processed, is also ridiculous. Biodiesel is not problem-free, and it might not be the end all answer to our dependence on fossil fuels, but it's not a bad alternative, and I applaud those folks with the biodiesel bumper stickers.

*Ben Nielsen
Corvallis*

THE KINGDOM OF KNIGHT

My hope was that the R-G story on Phil Knight's \$100 million pledge would praise the Knights for donating that sum to the financial aid office at the UO for student scholarships. The \$100 million could be used to establish the "Oregon Education Legacy Fund" to build, maintain and expand Eugene and/or statewide academic programs, as well as to hire more professional staff. Or maybe even that sum could be used to support Oregon's foster children, health research and health care, people with disabilities, local nonprofit organizations, the homeless, etc.

But, what was I thinking? Of course the Knights are able to spend their own money any way they want.

Now, there will soon be the Knight Daily Newspaper, the Knight Basketball Arena, the City of Knight and of course the State of Knight.

*Patricia M. Dawson
Eugene*

SUSTAIN THIS

Although I agree with the sentiments of those who like to use the 21st century buzzword "sustainability," I ask them all: Get a thesaurus, people! Come up a few new words or phrases, please! JEEzuz ...

*Glenn Leonard
Eugene*

CONNECT THE DOTS

Pete Sorenson framed the problem before Lane County — regarding looming cuts in federal funding for counties with federal acreage vs. increased timber cutting — well in his recent R-G op-ed piece. On one hand, egregious, unacceptable cuts in county services; on the other, increased logging. If logging were increased to provide timber receipts that we did historically, it would be totally unsustainable, plus it would also probably include cutting old growth. Which way do we go? Neither way!

We need to think outside the box, connect the dots and create a new paradigm. The nurturing, growth and protection of living trees has considerable value in these times of global warming — trees are one of the most effective atmosphere scrubbers that exist. According to a recent study by the UN Committee on Climate Change, one acre of old growth can sequester 1,000 tons of carbon emissions per month, compared to 100 tons by second growth plantation forests. All plant life absorbs carbon dioxide, but trees are the champs.

I propose the Carbon Reduction Investment Initiative, stating that the

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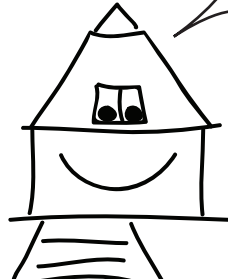
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