

IMPEACHMENT RIP-OFF

OK, who was the genius who decided to put the "tear out" impeachment letter on the inside of the front page of the Sept. 13 edition? When I got to Sunnyside Up (in Corvallis) for breakfast Saturday morning and went to retrieve a copy of *EW* for my Saturday reading, I noticed the top copy was missing half the front page. As I dug through the pile, the next 15 were all the same. Just as I was beginning to think this was part of this week's design, I found a copy with the full front page about 20 papers down. Walking inside to order, I began to ponder the reason for all the half page copies. That's when I opened the paper and saw the ad telling people to tear it out and send it to Congressman Peter DeFazio.

If you are going to encourage people to mutilate your paper, may I suggest that you put it somewhere in the middle of the paper, say maybe on the back of that meth ad you run. I can see a stack of pictures of that toothless beauty sitting on Peter's desk.

Parnell Kelley
Corvallis

DISASTER PLANNING

Apparently the Eugene Planning Commission has finally managed to look at the mountain of evidence and is starting to realize that this hospital site has major problems. A question I would ask would be: Does the city have the money to strengthen and expand the roads other than the Beltline/Delta Highway area? This would be on top of the \$120 million to \$150 million needed just to fix the Beltline/Delta Highway exchange. Since apparently there is over a \$100 million dollar shortfall for fixing the Eugene streets, I would have to say there is no money to even attempt to prepare for the overload of heavy equipment that would be required to build the hospital. The current use by the sand and gravel trucks is putting enough strain on that area without adding more. Side roads haven't been built to handle the additional weight, and the number of trips they will inherit with such an added burden.

Near-daily accidents through the area cause one to four hour delays for anyone who is limited to either of the affected roads. Just

adding in the additional trips by the hospital personnel will result in far more backups and delays. When you add in the patients and emergency vehicles, it becomes a huge nightmare.

I have heard some mention that the doctors like the close proximity of the two hospitals. Since very few of them practice or use both hospitals, it appears to be a moot point, especially since the traffic will make it very difficult to get from one to the other anyway.

Charles E. Phillips
Eugene

CRUEL HUNTING

I'm very sorry I couldn't write sooner. But I'm actually shocked that, given all your articles about both cougar hunting and domestic animal welfare, no one has mentioned how cruel it is to use hunting dogs as "tools" for any large predator "control." Hounds are bred to follow their noses, no matter how much trouble it might get them into. But then, I guess few people have experienced having a whole pack of lacerated dogs dropped off like a dented truck for repair. It doesn't look a whole lot different from what you might see after an illegal dog fight, except the wounds are bigger.

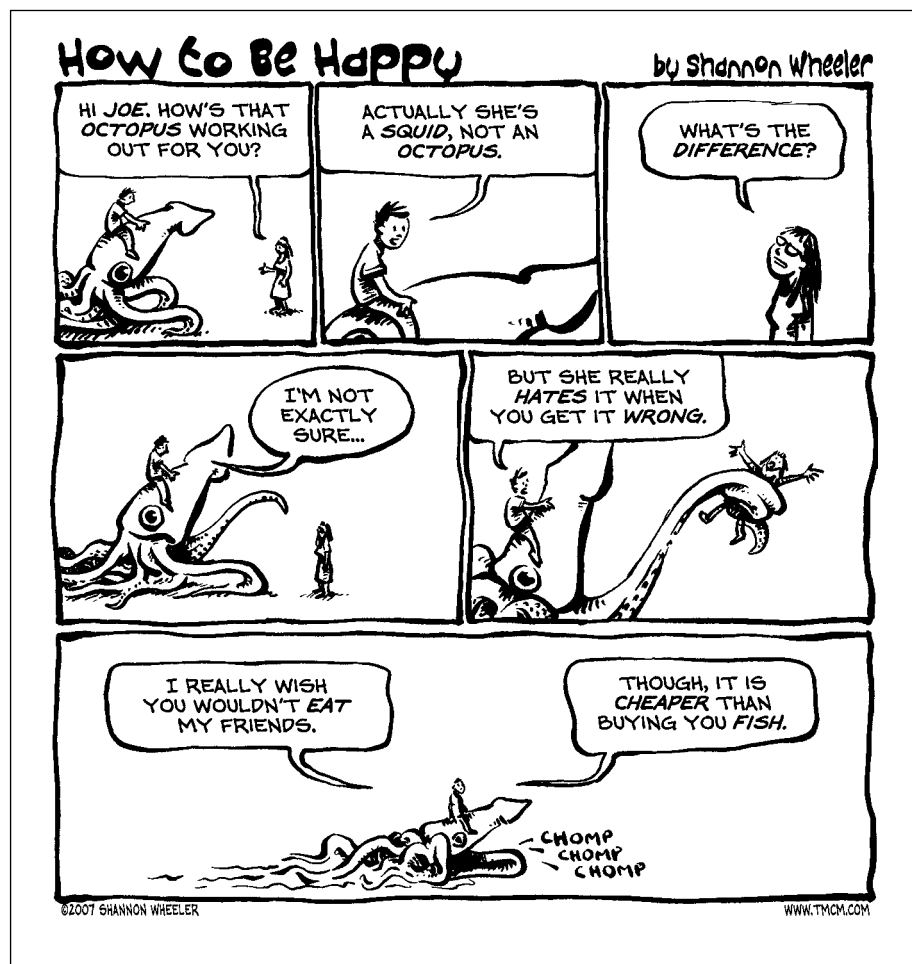
Liz J. Andersen, D.V.M.
Eugene

FALSE PROPAGANDA

In response to William Porter's letter (8/30, "Biodiesel Kills"), the phrase "My car runs off biodiesel" was never meant to be clever, and it surely isn't. Rather, it is a statement of fact. "My child is on the Honor Roll" is in the same class of stickers: It's not clever; it's fact.

The letter was disjointed, and the claims you make have absolutely no factual evidence to support them. I base this conclusion on my own studies as a diesel mechanic and on the likelihood that someone as eloquent as yourself surely would have provided adequate sources — or at least any sources at all — to back their claims if any sources existed.

Here's some evidence that disagrees with your conclusions. According to a study done by the USDA, here are the net energy yields



of our various fuel options: gasoline .805, petroleum diesel .843, bioethanol 1.34; biodiesel 3.20. Now that's deleterious to your credibility.

Did you notice that "middle class liberal elite" is an oxymoron? The elite aren't middle class. Also, you can buy an old diesel Mercedes or VW that runs biodiesel for around \$1,500. I certainly don't consider this to be an "elite" price range. As for people in poor countries dying from the biodiesel market, we get all our biodiesel in the U.S. from corn and soy which grows in the U.S., and the only farmers dying here are those with inadequate health care, but if you can dig up an obituary of someone from a third world biodiesel crop field, then *please* show it to the news stations!

But really, stop driving so much; the bicycle is the most efficient mode of transportation known to mankind.

Richey Thomason
Eugene

BAN BARBARIC TASERS

After reading the "EPD's Shocker" (8/9 news), I have decided that as soon as an EPD member actually uses a Taser on a person, I will refuse to go to downtown Eugene for any reason for fear of being grossly assaulted and tortured by an EPD criminal.

When the U.S. presidency has been stuffed by torturers and U.S. cities are policed by torturers, then there is no reason for any decent American or world citizen to support the current barbaric American government.

Just as atomic weapons are a problem instead of a solution, Tasers are a problem instead of a solution and should be banned by U.S. law and by international law.

Bob Saxton
Eugene

CITIZEN GAGGED

On Monday, Sept. 10, I was horrified as I watched the mayor and city attorney rudely cut off a Eugene citizen trying to ask a simple clar-

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