

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

column, my advice to readers is this: Simply refuse to read this guy's hateful, misguided rhetoric.

Rob Simonson
Eugene

LEARN ABOUT MEXICANS

Considering all the controversy about Gustavo Arellano's "Ask a Mexican!" column, I was surprised to find Arellano's photograph on the cover of the January/February 2008 issue of the anti-racist magazine *Colorlines* when it arrived in the mail. The interview on pp. 20-21 is worth reading — you should be able to find it in the UO library (or see colorlines.com).

Yes, *Colorlines* likes Arellano.

Regular readers of the *EW* letters section should realize by now that Mexicans/Chicanos/Latinos/Hispanic Americans don't necessarily agree on everything. A Latina friend of mine thinks that Arellano is funny.

I was struck by how Arellano's column got a reception in Eugene similar to what greeted Aaron McGruder's "Boondocks"

cartoon strip.

Myself, I now believe that despite having lived in California for 20 years, I am ignorant about Mexicans. I hope to learn something by reading the column.

Milton Takei
Eugene

MORAL VACUUM

Reading Lynne McKinney's letter (1/10) about the elderly homeless made my blood boil. McKinney is clearly one of the unsung heroes of our world, but the situation she describes is hellish.

Have we really descended so low that we leave old ladies on the street? It seems that there is a moral vacuum now in Americans where their hearts should be.

McKinney says chances are the voters would not agree to fund a homeless shelter. Well then I guess the voters are morally worthless, greedy, scum-sucking pigs. I'm ashamed to be part of this community.

Lynn Porter
Eugene

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