

president. However, none of us should lose sight of those campaigns closer to home. In fact, the May primary could determine who will represent north Eugene as Lane County commissioner. Rob Handy is running against incumbent Bobby Green. This is the most important race for all Lane County, bar none.

Over the years, I have seen Rob in action. From taking on issues in his neighborhood to working in the community at large, he has garnered a wealth of experience that will serve all of us countywide. As the treasurer of Rob's campaign, I have had the unique opportunity to see the incredible and broad base of support for Rob.

He is the man for all reasons and the man for all ages. He has even gained the support of a young lad who donated \$12 earned from picking blackberries. I see significance in that gesture regarding both the giver and the recipient. Rob Handy listens and speaks to and on behalf of his district and, really, all of us. Only his district can elect Rob, but all of us will have leadership for a change.

*Mona Linstromberg
Veneta*

ZERZAN'S WISH

John Zerzan's (1/31) criticism of my letter (1/24) favoring light rail over bus rapid transit raises some profound and fascinating questions: Is it possible for a technological, industrial civilization to be genuinely sustainable and humane? Are technology and industrial civilization themselves

inherently evil or does the problem lie in the consciousness of the people — particularly those in charge?

I'll be the first to concede that present modern industrial civilization is very bleak and that achieving genuine, meaningful and humane sustainability is a dauntingly complicated task. I believe Zerzan will soon get his wish at seeing modern civilization begin to crumble. I'll rather enjoy seeing this too. I don't know how Paleolithic Zerzan envisions humankind going. The world can't support 6.6 billion hunter/gatherers. Will our numbers be reduced through benign attrition or through brutality and famine?

I don't especially want to live in a *Mad Max/Road Warrior* scenario. Perhaps Zerzan would like to offer a vision for the future that is both positive and plausible.

Meanwhile, building a light rail system would, in one sense, be contributing greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, but it would eliminate more greenhouse gases by taking cars off the road. If engineered, planned and built correctly, it would perhaps be the most enduring mass transportation system possible. I expect that in the coming turbulent times, the communities that saw the writing on the wall and began constructing enduring infrastructure not dependent on petroleum will have a better chance at retaining some semblance of order — to say nothing of food distribution.

*Robert Bolman
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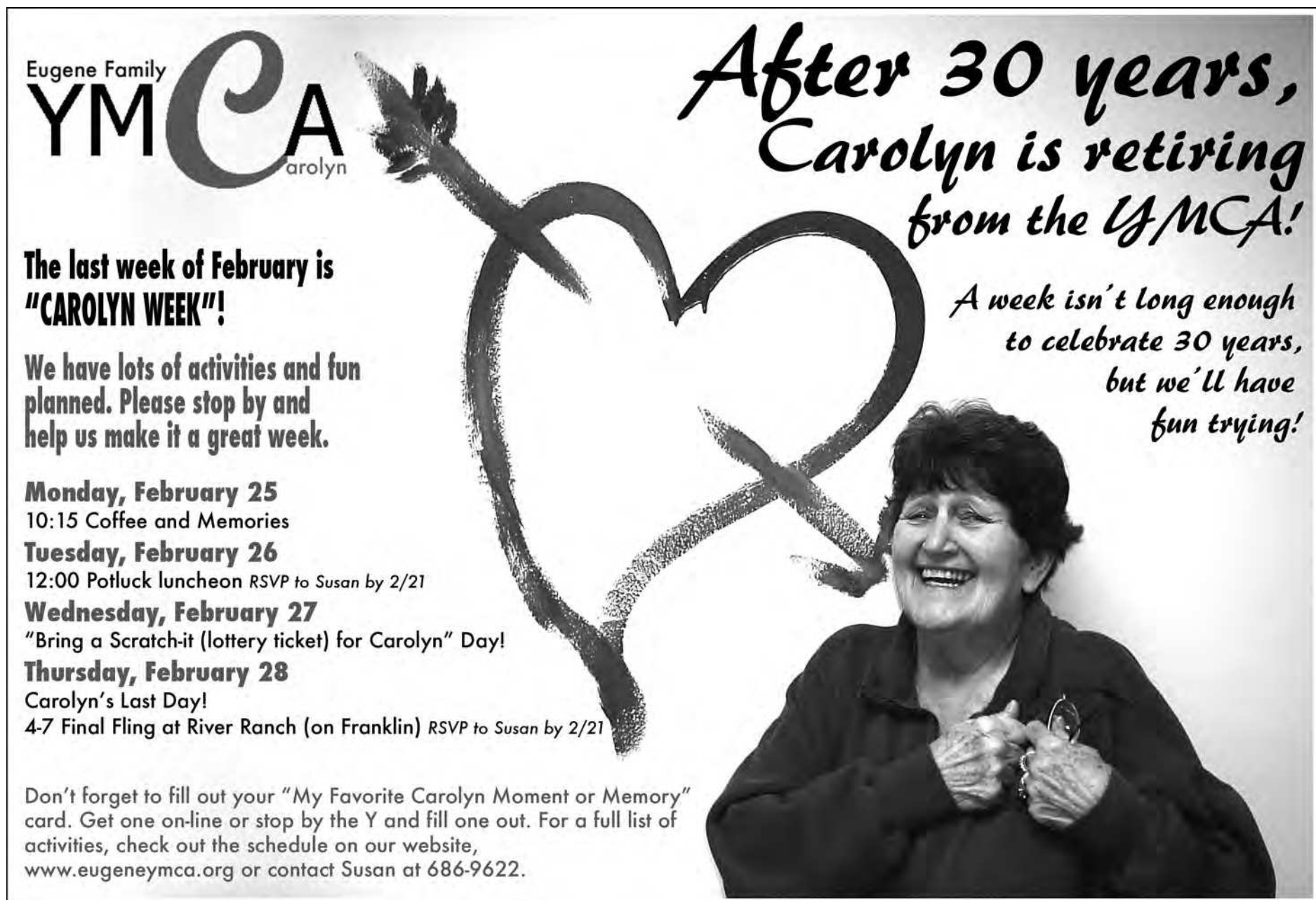
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Monday, February 25
10:15 Coffee and Memories

Tuesday, February 26
12:00 Potluck luncheon *RSVP to Susan by 2/21*

Wednesday, February 27
"Bring a Scratch-it (lottery ticket) for Carolyn" Day!

Thursday, February 28
Carolyn's Last Day!
4-7 Final Fling at River Ranch (on Franklin) *RSVP to Susan by 2/21*

Don't forget to fill out your "My Favorite Carolyn Moment or Memory" card. Get one on-line or stop by the Y and fill one out. For a full list of activities, check out the schedule on our website, www.eugeneymca.org or contact Susan at 686-9622.

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