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MARCH 22, 10 A.M.

Cane Pruning 101

Learn how to correctly prune common cane shrubs like Lilac, Dogwood, Mock Orange, Spirea, etc. Josiah Sheehan instructs. Bring tools and gloves.

COMING SOON

Basket Making

Rob Miller teaches this workshop on using native willow to weave beautiful and useful baskets. All materials provided.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

controlled, minority candidate would best represent their interests as president.

Maybe they should take a break from politics. A working vacation might be in order. I hear there's plenty of job openings in British Columbia. The multi-billion dollar, corporate-sponsored Winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver and Whistler in 2010. Huge facilities for the games, resort/condo construction and highway projects are paving the way toward sustainable games.

An American could go up there and work as an illegal alien and see how it feels. At least they speak English.

The native peoples of the area — Coast Salish, St'at'imc and Squamish — are complaining about the extensive destruction of their traditional homelands, but the only people listening to their protests are police in riot gear.

During a recent visit to Vancouver, International Olympic Committee chief Jacques Rogge declared "Sport can act as an agent of change. Hosting the Olympics is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to showcase the celebration of environmental and social legacies that can change a community and its citizens forever." Mr. Rogge is trilingual — speaking French, English and Orwellian.

Robert Simms
Corvallis

THE REAL EASTSIDE

I am a 9-year-old fourth grade Eastside student, and I disagree with Katelyn Best's judgment about Eastside students being elitist (2/28). My experience here (having been here for four years) has been very, very good. And I get the free-and-reduced lunch sometimes, because it is hard for my parents to afford school lunches. I'd like to know the Parker kids more and would like to be friends with them — everybody at Eastside would — but I don't have the chance. I have seen Parker students only four times during school.

One of my best friends goes to Fox Hollow, and I got really mad when you called her a "Frenchie." I hate it when people call other people names, especially for no good reason. I also have lots of friends at other schools, too.

At least once every month at Eastside we have a discussion about bullying just to see if anyone has seen bullying. Only one person has seen something even close to bullying this year. Sometimes school is my favorite part of the day because Eastside is a very fun kid-friendly school. Sometimes the parents even come in just to tell stories or to sing! Anyway, I was very confused when I read your message.

Sadie Willow Palatnick
Eugene

CONSIDER MERKLEY

I was puzzled that *EW* found it appropriate to include in its Feb. 14 "News" section an article about Pete Sorenson's recent endorsement of an U.S. Senate candidate and

Something Eug!

NOT HAPPENING PERSON

Buddy Timmons



In High School, Buddy thought maybe someday he'd become a dee-jay. He's now "Head of Maintenance" at First Calvary Fellowship. His favorite TV shows are *24* and *Lost*, and he often spends his evenings thinking up new Bisquick recipes.

not mention any of Democratic candidate Jeff Merkley's endorsements. The many local leaders endorsing Jeff include Phil Barnhart, Paul Holvey, Floyd Prozanski and Kitty Piercy. A healthy and growing list of labor unions also back Merkley, including the Oregon AFL-CIO, Oregon Nurses Association & the American Federation of Teachers-Oregon.

Like his endorsers, progressives have many reasons to support Merkley. As speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, Merkley used his leadership this past year to help pass legislation legalizing domestic partnerships, investing in alternative energy, and expanding funding for Head Start and education. He did so with a razor-thin majority while representing West Linn, requiring skill, guts and consensus building. Merkley also brings a wealth of community, federal and international experience to the table.

My guess is that Merkley might not have had a lot of time to meet people for beer this past month because he was busy serving Oregonians in Salem during the legislative session. I hope that voters won't hold this against him and support Jeff because he offers us the opportunity to elect someone with progressive values and who has the experience and background to defeat Gordon Smith.

Jennifer Geller
Eugene

NO INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS

I'd like to thank John Zerzan (1/31) for his input regarding a light rail system and how any industrial solution is not good for Eugene. In the coming months I encourage John to host a symposium demonstrating how he has converted his home to harness wind and solar power, his gray water and rain collection system as well as his ability to grow all his food and harvest all of life's essentials from the natural environment.

I hope the symposium will include information on how to be a profitable writer without using a computer and how these ideas can be implemented in cities such as Oakland, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York City. Keep up the good work, and thank you for your input.

Peter Griffin
Eugene

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