

The time for action is now.

Robin Banks
Eugene

DREAM TICKET

Regarding the Democratic presidential primary, the latest polling numbers indicate that a "dream ticket" with Sens. Obama and Clinton would be best for the Democratic Party and the nation. Obama inspires us to achieve and dream the next goal for the country. Clinton holds in the reins of the ambitious and directs the outcome of the efforts. What's not to like? I hope the Obama and Clinton teams can unite before the convention and give us the presidential administration that we need.

Another four years of Republican rule at the White House is a death sentence for many thousands more of our military personal as well as many thousands of civilians in the war torn parts of the world. I say: No to the endless war of Bush and McCain and yes to the hope of a better day for America and the world.

Gerry Merritt
Eugene

NO SAFE TOBACCO

I recently read *EW* after being out of town since January. I was quite appalled and dismayed to discover a full-page ad for American Spirit cigarettes, something I had never seen before in your publication. To see a product that kills human beings advertised in *EW* was extremely offensive. I had believed that the *Weekly* stood for the

people, the people of Eugene, not greedy and corporate America, where greed comes before integrity. I am quite surprised that *EW* would choose to advertise something that statistics show kills 440,000 a year in the U.S. alone.

You must realize that "natural" tobacco is still tobacco, plain and simple. There is no safe tobacco. "Additive" free does not mean "addictive" free, although some people may believe that. And yes, I do see the small print at the bottom stating "no additives in our tobacco does NOT mean a safer cigarette."

Please reconsider your policy on advertising unsafe and dangerous products in your publication.

Andrea Callahan
Eugene

ANOTHER NICKNAME

When the new federal building opened, I remember seeing some clever suggestions for a nickname in *EW*. Did we ever decide on one? No? May I submit: The Experience Justice Project?

Glenn Leonard
Eugene

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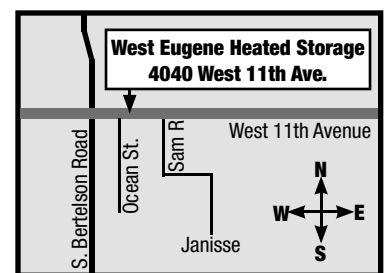
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