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SELCO's "Your Big Break" commercial contest invited the community to tell us what they love about SELCO. An overwhelming number of submissions were sent in and thousands of visitors voted on their favorite commercial. Marshall and Haley Roemen's "Grow with Us" won First Place. Their classic image of a child learning the values of earning and saving money with her first "business" illustrates SELCO's fundamental belief in lifelong relationships with our members.

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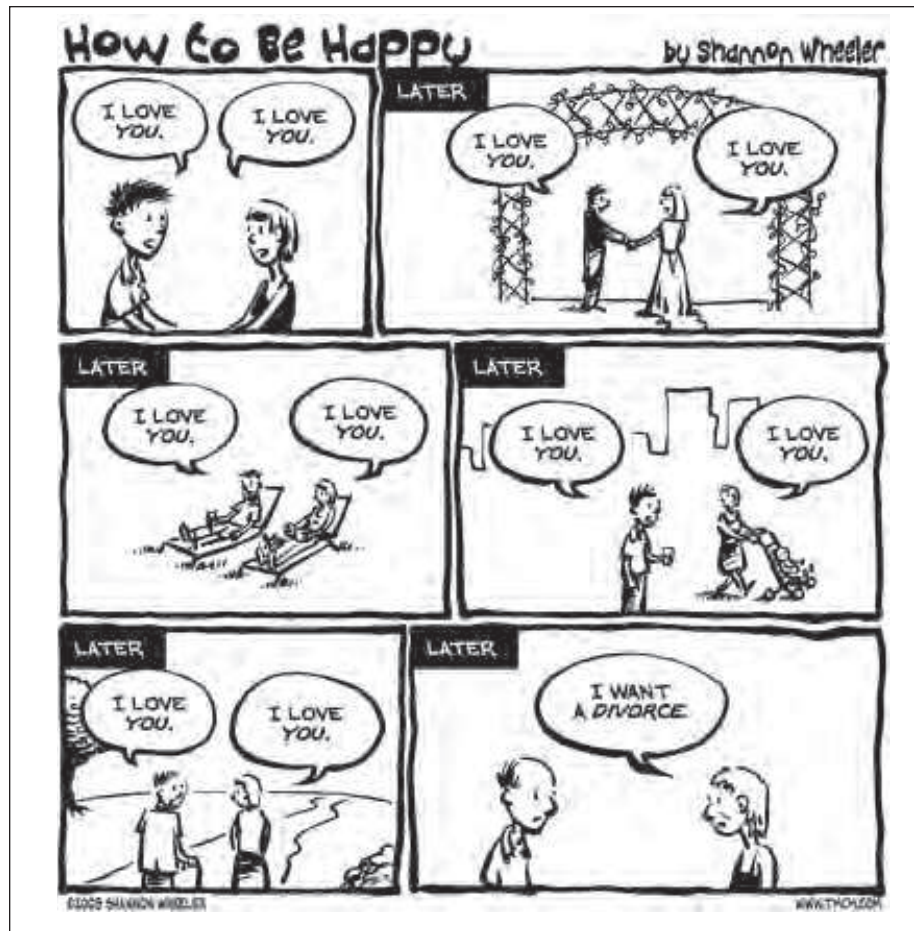
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Marshall and Haley
Producers of
"Grow with Us"



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HI FROM HYNIX

I had major trepidations when I heard that Jong Kap Kim, chairman of Hynix Corporation, was meeting with state and local leaders, including Mayor Piercy. A Hynix spokesman described Kim's trip as a "meet and greet" session. Well, what wonderful greetings Kim delivered!

The reservations that City Councilor Bonny Bettman has long expressed in giving Hynix corporate welfare (a total \$66.86 million reduction in property taxes) are now vindicated. A key reason why Hynix kept the Eugene facility open this long was that in 2003 the European Union found the company guilty of unfair competition regarding its Korean DRAM factories, due to improper government financial assistance. They thus levied a 33 percent tariff on the DRAM chips from their Korean factories. By having the Eugene facility, Hynix could skirt these sanctions. However, since the EU has now lifted these tariffs this year, there is no longer any reason to keep the Eugene factory. Indeed, Hynix has already announced plans to upgrade its DRAM factory in Wuxi, China, to the more competitive 300mm chip standard.

Hynix has had numerous problems in Eugene with violating environmental regulations. They also faced lawsuits regarding both racial and sex discrimination in the workplace. And 300 of the more than 1,100 total employees are contract workers, and thus get no benefits from Hynix.

Let us hope that Eugene's elected officials have the courage to demand some of these unpaid taxes from Hynix. The public needs to insist that they do this.

Lance Jacobs
Springfield

LIVE AND LET LIVER

It was recently suggested by Cali Bagby of EW (7/17 News Briefs) that the city impose a ban on foie gras.

The avid bird-hunting ancient Egyptians noticed that waterfowl they killed during certain migrations had very large, rich livers. They began experimenting with domesticated geese and learned that force feeding the geese and limiting their movement took advantage of the animals natural fat storage mechanism, creating an incredibly large, fatty and rich liver. This process spread to Europe where the French farmers of Gascony became famous for their goose foie gras. It was not until recently that Hudson Valley Foie Gras and Sonoma Foie Gras began producing the liver in the U.S.

If Eugene were to impose a ban on foie gras based on the perceived inhumane conditions in which the animals are raised, then a ban must be placed on all commercially produced animal products. Equally disturbing and perhaps more cruel, but on a vastly larger scale, is the mass production of beef, chicken, pork and dairy products. Tyson, Con-Agra, Hormel and Kraft have completely commoditized animal products.

Ms. Bagby cites that Chicago recently banned foie gras but fails to mention the incredible backlash that followed and the prompt repeal of the ban. It is very questionable what benefit the ban had on the animal rights movement; it did, however, provide ample fodder for biased, right-wing radio and television show hosts.

Of even greater importance is the potential for a ban to dissuade small, family farms from producing foie gras. This is an old craft, cherished in many parts of the world, which could provide struggling independent farmers with a diversified product. In today's economic climate, small farmers need a unique combination of products to find a niche and compete in the marketplace.

Focusing on foie gras, with its miniscule production compared with chicken, pork and beef, diverts energy from where it

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