

situation is utterly unworthy of a state that claims to be progressive in any sense of the world, and demands redress.

To replace the lost revenue, I would personally support a sales tax in preference to raising rates at higher income levels. My own income is slightly below median, so it would be tempting to support raising somebody else's taxes, except that experience shows that the higher the income level, the greater the probability that the person can manipulate the system to his advantage.

Martha Sherwood
Eugene

PORPOISE OF COMEDY

Although I haven't seen PotPie's new show, I must agree with Edith Marie Hurley (Letters, 2/12). Comedy is meant to be puppies playing with children and not make light of great world tragedies like lesbianism, Hitler and Rick Dancer. If comedy shocks or offends you, it's being done poorly.

I propose a boycott of Lord Leebrick for daring to assist in letting these hateful folks on stage. I think all right-thinking people would agree, especially Rick Dancer, who has accomplished so much in his long career as a local celebrity.

And EW? You're on watch. One more suggestion of art I disagree with, and I'll propose a boycott of you too.

Gregoire Heaton, esq.
Portland
(former Eugenean)

CHOW DOWN HERE

Disappointing to find that *Chow* doesn't list El Corral in the Edgewood shopping center in southeast Eugene. Mexican food like you remember from Mazatlan and Guaymas and La Paz and Todos Santos. Mouth-watering camarongos and camarones direct from Mexico. You like margaritas? El Corral serves 'em extra large with a shot on the side. If you like real Mexican food, you owe it to yourself to give this place a try.

Greg Vaughn
Eugene

SOUR GRAPES

Regarding Lisa Hammack's letter to the editor (2/12): Sounds like sour (organic) grapes to me. Would she be happy if Market of Choice (MOC) aired the inauguration had John McCain won? I go to MOC for my coffee too. I also go there to buy groceries. I don't, however, go to MOC to engage in politics. I'm sure they were just trying to stay out of this argument. If she *really* wanted to watch the inauguration, she could have done so elsewhere, like YouTube.

Melody Smith
Eugene

THREE R'S OF SEX ED

As local high school students and members of REVolution, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon's Youth Action Council, we support Mariam Wahed's Jan. 29 Viewpoint, especially with regard to the sex education issue. REVolution is comprised of 11 Eugene/Springfield area teenagers dedicated to pursuing Planned Parenthood's New 3Rs: Rights, Respect, Responsibility. Mariam's recent Viewpoint epitomizes the Respect component of this initiative by providing an avenue for youth to voice their concerns as respected members of the community.

To take Mariam up on her call for a youth-led forum, we are going to open one of our weekly meetings to the greater public. On Sunday, March 1, at 6:30 pm, we hope that youth, adults and community leaders alike will join us at Amazon Community Center to discuss the future of sexual health and sexuality education in the Eugene/Springfield community.

One important clarification to Mariam's Viewpoint: State policy does not prevent the distribution of condoms to young people unless they have a sexually transmitted infection — although some school district policies (including 4J's) do. In fact, Oregon Statue 109.640 allows young people to obtain birth control and sexual protection confidentially.

Leah Reis-Dennis
Zach Sera
and other members of REVolution

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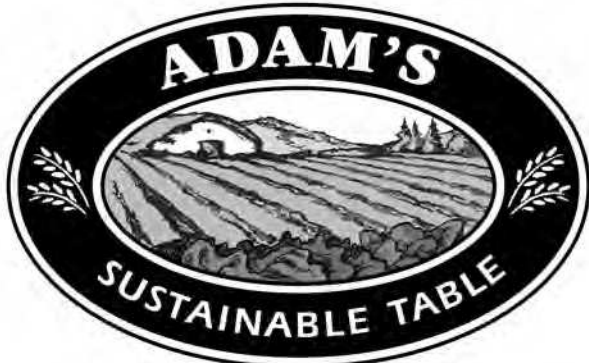
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