

rename the UO/OSU game out of concern for some detriment due to a misplaced association between the "Civil War Game" and actual warfare.

Before *EW* staff outed themselves, I imagined only some fathers of middle school football players and a few rabid fans misunderstanding the context of the term civil war in reference to a football game. It is the context and not the word that carries meaning, to paraphrase Chris Rock.

The term has history and is part of the community's social fabric surrounding UO/OSU football. Deleting the word war from the title of a football game will have no affect on how our country views the act of war nor make any worthwhile statement about our "peace loving state." Perhaps we could call it the "Air Bowl" to better represent everyone who loves oxygen.

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SMALL CHANGE

In thinking about how candidate Obama's "Change We Can Believe In" has become President Obama's small change, I recalled a statement made by his one-time family pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Asked in an interview by Bill Moyers about Obama's critical words in a Philadelphia campaign speech that ended their 20-year relationship, the firebrand cleric responded: "He's a politician, I'm a pastor. We speak to two different audiences. And he says what he has to say as a politician. I say what I have to say as a pastor. Those are two different worlds. I do what I do. He does what politicians do."

Wright was right. Obama says and does what politicians say and do.

How audacious of us to hope for someone and something different.

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NO GOOD OPTIONS

In response to Tom Schneider's Viewpoint (12/3) concerning the Amazon option of the west Eugene EmX, which is, in part, a response to my Viewpoint (11/19), how can there be an answer, or even a least offensive option, in a list of offensive choices? It's like choosing between rabies and botulism. Since all options are such an affront to so many for so many reasons, let's expand the conversation to find solutions that don't wreck so much havoc on so many.

And in all the cost calculations, let us not forget the most profound cost of the Amazon option — the human cost. On ethical and moral grounds alone, the Amazon option should be shelved. In order to reach the bike path, the EmX needs to dissect and destroy a quiet neighborhood — we're talking peoples lives here — homes and families for 10, 20 and 30 years. A long-standing thriving neighborhood would be left with dangerous, disparate and disconnected streets where, currently, children play. And nearby, eight townhouse units are slated to be demolished (to make room for the bus) and residents need to be bought-out and relocated.

Are these the standards we wish to live by? Are we this dehumanized? This insular? This much part of a shameful juggernaut? The list goes on and on, like the 50-year-old trees in front of the Extension Service — cut. The list goes on. The bus would travel within 10 feet of low-income housing! The list goes on.

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