

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

don't see Phil Knight ponying up for any parks.

*Josh Burt
Eugene*

AREA CODE BULLSHIT

I don't know how anyone else feels about it, but this new 10-digit area code dialing is bullshit. Judging by the way people at work were screaming from their desks all day long over it, it's a pretty safe bet that the rest of the population feels the same way I do.

Did Oregon drop off into the dark ages? I lived more than half my life in the Los Angeles area, which changed area codes at least three times while living there, and we never had to dial 10 digit numbers when dialing within the same area code. Is this temporary? Even if it's temporary, it's still bullshit. Whoever is responsible should be fired.

*Michele Walter
Eugene*

INHUMANE KILLING

I was thoroughly disgusted by the "Skewered Nutria" article featured in the Jan. 7 issue of *EW*.

Not at the investigation part — I'm happy *EW* has reported on this information — but on the actions of EWEB.

I understand the negative effects the wildlife is having on EWEB's canals and the potential failure of such systems, but I also understand that like all living creatures, they should be dealt with (if at all) humanely. The claim that EWEB is doing this is pure farce.

Of course I would prefer as least invasive a method as possible, but the suggestions of Lillian Breitenstein are logical and safe ways of correcting the problem. Animals are naturally drawn to areas which provide them food, shelter, adequate temperature, and are easily accessible. Isn't this why human beings sought shelter in caves?

If EWEB were to spend the money they are paying the archer on alternative means, they might have remedied the problem by now. If the only foreseeable solution is to exterminate the non-native species, then I

believe catching them alive and having each one euthanized would be more humane than sticking them with a bow and arrow. Who does EWEB think they are, Robin Hood?

Though this species is not native and seen as a pest by many, it doesn't give a company the right to exterminate each one in the name of capitalism. All I can say is, I'm happy my landlord pays my utilities so I don't have to send a check to EWEB each month.

*Emily Doody
Eugene*

JUST TOO STUPID

In his thought-provoking letter to the editor about economics and class (1/7), Douglas Brown asks why so many Americans continue to support a trickle-down financial system and a political ideology that benefit so few. Good question.

At a charity dinner speech in 2000, George W. Bush intoned: "This is an impressive crowd. Some people call you the elite; I call you my base." Each election, about half of us vote for Republicans like Bush, whose public policy-making enriches private corporations and the financial elite at the expense of all the rest of us. Why?

David Corn, Washington bureau chief for *Mother Jones* magazine, mused recently to Bill Moyers that it may be Stockholm syndrome, a psychological phenomenon wherein hostages express adulation and have positive feelings towards their captors. But beyond the Patty Hearst/Symbionese Liberation Army explanation, there may be a simpler answer.

Conjuring Mark Twain, comedian Bill Maher likes to say the American people are too stupid to be governed. About half of us will surely agree on that.

*Benton Elliott
Eugene*

PEACE NUDGE

Thank you for printing Mary O'Brien's article on peaceful response to conflict. It may be the defining issue in our slow evolution from animals to gods.

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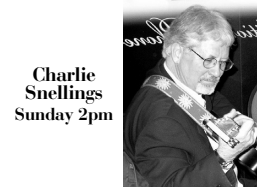
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