

PISH AND PALIN

I want to thank KVAL News for their coverage of Sarah Palin's appearance before a roomful of GOP fat-cats. While the thought of the likes of Palin contaminating our fair communities turned my stomach, I was happy to see them interview some attendees afterwards. Imagine my surprise to see one of our Springfield city councilors, Joe Pishioneri, being interviewed and lauding Sarah Palin and her ideas and values. I cannot begin to express how embarrassed, how mortified, how disgusted and insulted I am at the realization that this person represents my ward (Thurston) on the Springfield City Council. And to add insult to injury, Joe Pishioneri is running for county commissioner!

Sarah's (and Joe's) vile hate-mongering have no place in our communities, our city government, and most definitely not at the table at Harris Hall. While other candidates have their strengths and weaknesses, at the very least I implore my fellow citizens to vote for someone other than Joe. His true colors came shining through on Friday and they are dark and ugly like his politics.

James A. Mough
Springfield

INEXPENSIVE CLASSES

Last year OSU Extension Service's phone number went into my personal phone book. That's because they've become my "go to" educational organization for answers. They provide programs, information and skills for living throughout life.

Due to their assistance, my container garden is more productive and pest-free, the compost I make is evolving into a mix that will be more effective, and my personal health has improved as a direct result of education covering various aspects of nutrition. I'm grateful to have this service available.

This month I'm taking a couple of inexpensive classes. One on grains will tell me which ones are the most useful for me in terms of cooking time, proteins, carbohydrates — and will have recipes. The other covers a specific cultural meal I'm interested in learning to cook.

My quality of life is improved overall because OSU Extension Service exists in Lane County. Please support Measure 20-

158 to keep them here.

Jody Irwin
Eugene

PAPÉ LANDFILL?

I am getting a little tired of the self-congratulatory preening of the super-rich. Rather than simply giving to charity some of the money they stole from workers and hid from the government, they insist on making a big deal out of getting things named after them and their friends. So, we have the Knight everything, where we used to have the UO main library and buildings named after people who gave up their lives for their country. Now we have the Randy Papé Beltline, whereas we used to have the Beltline Highway.

The rich are getting together *in private* and naming everything after themselves. That they don't have the legal right to do this doesn't bother them a bit. Well. There is a long tradition in this area of altering stop signs and other public signs. Let's get creative, guys. How about the Papé memorial landfill? Papé memorial hazardous waste receiving station? For good measure, how about the Papé memorial sewage treatment plant?

We could have the Knight State Penitentiary and the Wildish Round and Round and Round About and the Chambers Highway to the Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow.

Ann Tattersall
Eugene

FUTURE OF OIL

Thanks for featuring Jason Bradford in your April 22 issue. His viewpoint "The Bank of Nature" illustrated how utterly unsustainable humankind's growth and use of resources are. To expand on Bradford's comments about oil, please consider the following facts:

- Discoveries of oil in the U.S. peaked in 1930. Production of oil in the U.S. peaked in 1970. (The U.S. now produces about half the oil that it did in 1970.) Notice that a period of 40 years lapsed between the peak of discoveries and the peak of production in the U.S.

- Worldwide oil discoveries peaked in 1964. Forty-one years later, in 2005, after rising more or less consistently throughout the previous century, a graph of world oil production shows a line resembling an undulating plateau. For much of 2008, oil



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