

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to be spread. This is still very much a man's world, and although things have changed a lot over the past couple hundred years, there are still many changes that need to be made for women and men to be considered truly equal. A woman deserves respect as much as a man does in any job she chooses to perform.

Kudos to Sonja Fry for working so hard to make this world a better place by focusing on the issue at hand. It would be wonderful to get better care for women vets and women soldiers. It would be even more incredible to get money to put towards prevention programs. I wish them the best of luck, give them my full support, and thank you for raising awareness.

Zane Bloom
Bend

KIDS CENTER CLOSING

When I think that things can't get worse, they do! The jubilant crowd that celebrated the failure of the Strong Schools tax initiative and the prospect of losing Civic Stadium to commercial interests were hard to take. Even harder is the imminent closing of the First Place Kids Center, which offers three meals, stability and solace to the children of the homeless.

Perhaps budgets are not written in stone. Wouldn't it be wonderful to make the decision to forego those beautiful

flower baskets and landscaping in parks in favor of keeping this wonderful facility in place? My own neighborhood will soon celebrate the opening of a wading pool — the children at First Place don't have the greenery or the fun of water play; even now the little that they have may soon be lost.

Most of the compassionate folk in this area would agree, or offer other suggestions which hopefully will level the playing field.

Phyllis Kesner
Eugene

REAL CARBON STORAGE

Two inconvenient truths about the EW cover story "Carbon Nation: CO2 injection hits the Northwest" (6/16).

Your story interviewed OSU professor Mark Harmon but did not mention his extensive research on forest sequestration of carbon. He has documented how old forests store far more carbon than tree farms.

In January 2008, Harmon and his colleague Olga Krankina spoke at the "Clearcutting the Climate" conference (which I co-organized). The videos of their presentations are available at www.forestclimate.org. In summary, if the environmentalists really want to see carbon levels decrease we would need to have the tree farms grow back into old forests, but that would require challenging the Democrats in

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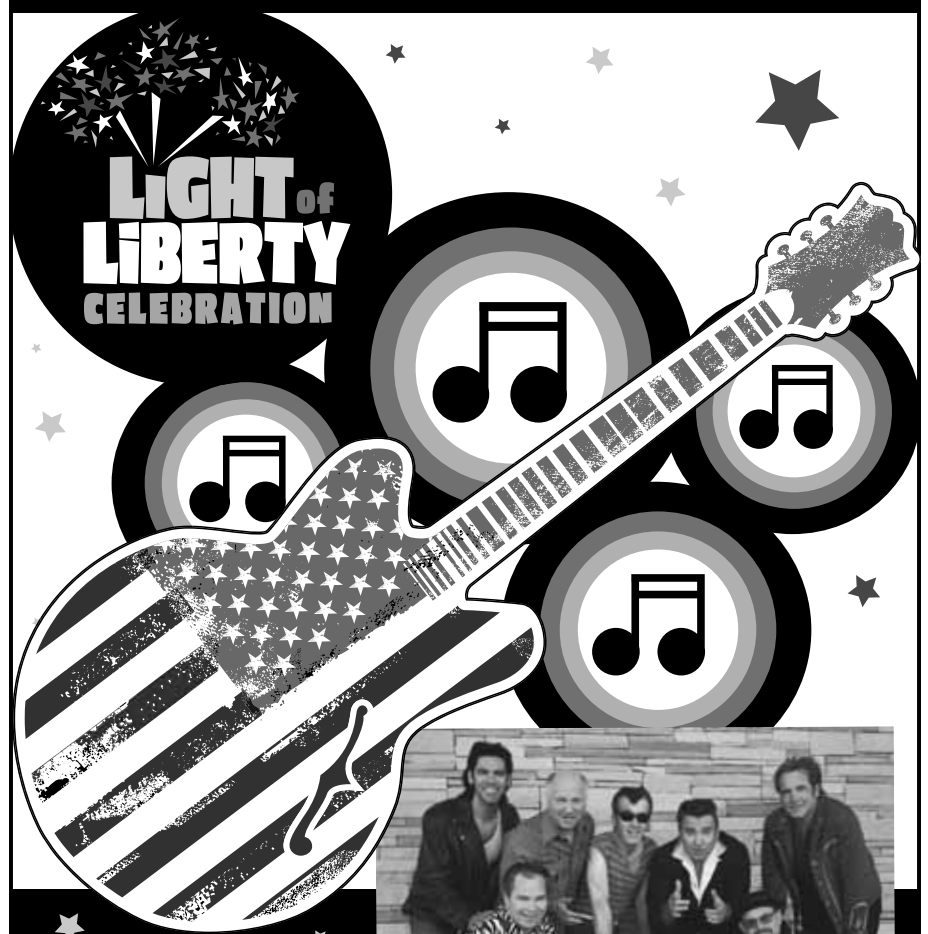
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