

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

changes lanes and plows into the person crossing. (So drivers, at unmarked intersections, please don't slow, just go. Thank you.)

But even with these engineered deathtraps, walking is THE safest mode of transport.

Word on the street is that drivers don't get it because they've never walked anywhere — ever. I say to you drivers: Give it a try. Leave the car home for a day. Use the bike/pedestrian paths or sidewalks. See how you feel. You could be surprised.

It's comical to imagine what the human form will look like in the future if humans choose to spend ever more time in traffic, the body slowly evolving to adapt and fit better within a car seat ... hmm.

Suzy World
Eugene

CAGED ANIMALS

On Friday, Aug. 26, Ringling Brothers will bring its circus to perform at Matt Arena for three days in Eugene. It's hard to believe circuses are still using wild animals in their acts. I urge people to resist going to this event and instead protest the cruel treatment the animals endure in the circus. These animals are kept in chains and tiny cages and taken around the country 50 weeks a year. England, Denmark, Finland, Bolivia, Costa Rica and other countries have restricted the use of wild animals in circuses. Some municipalities in our country have prohibited this type of circus. For training, the elephant's feet

are tied and bull hooks (stainless steel cane-like sticks) are used. Tigers, horses, elephants and seals are deprived of living in their natural environment — roaming freely as is their right.

Please boycott this and all circuses that use animals. The best ways to see wild animals are in their natural environment, not doing tricks under a tent.

Pam Driscoll
Dexter

POP GOES THE MEDIA

Try as I may, I just cannot fathom news media outlets that are more concerned with Amy Winehouse's apparent drug overdose than the massacre in Norway. I'm really quite speechless and impute this silence to my overwhelming embarrassment to be of the same species as so many small-minded, self-absorbed, Hollywood distracted fucks.

I understand feeling sadness for a life lost, especially in such a careless manner, but when a (pardon me, but really ...) junkie's death takes precedence in the news over a politically fueled massacre in an otherwise peaceful country, or is considered top story at all for that matter, it is clear that our priorities parallel those of a 14-year-old girl. ("Are we a nation of 6 year olds? Answer: yes." — David Cross)

Thanks EW, for keeping it real. You just may be the last!

Brittney Arlint
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: We must confess we did run a little "R.I.P. Amy Winehouse" filler ad on page 23 two weeks ago.

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