

Facilitating auto and truck volumes that benefit rather than impair our environment, personal and public health, and economic needs will make Willamette safe, inviting and inclusive. None of them need exclude the other. Within the 60 feet of right-of-way we have the chance to do something we can all be very proud of.

David H. Gizara  
Eugene

### CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you Eugene City Council members George Brown and Paul Conte for setting a legal precedent for a group of affected and concerned citizens to stand up to a large developer like Capstone and force them to include the safety of people and the environment involved so that the shareholders' dividends reflect the price of doing business, and to have a citizen-controlled watchdog committee doggin' their paper trail.

Vince Loving  
Eugene

### AVAILABLE SHELTER

This is a letter of concern for the people of Eugene who are at this time homeless. By no fault of their own but because of the commercial conflict that is happening in our economy.

Their immediate need is for a place to sleep, and I think there is an answer. If the City Hall, which is vacant, could be opened to these folks for a sleep-over, there are a number of rooms available.

Also there are 350 beds vacant in the Lane County Jail that could be used by these folks. No need to have a warm building go to waste when there are bodies that need a place to rest and sleep, in a dry area.

Food is not a need at this time because there are a number of volunteer organizations that have programs for helping the people with meals. We would be providing a place where the food could be delivered to a central spot for distribution — solving a problem for these volunteers.

The people paid for these buildings in the past with their tax dollars and now is the time to show that there is a heart in Eugene that returns a favor when a fellow neighbor is in need. Camping out is fine in the summer and good weather but in the cold, wet weather that frequents this area there is a real problem of flu and of course pneumonia that is always a worry for those less healthy.

Robert Mueller  
Veneta

### DESPICABLE DRIVERS

I have to go to downtown Eugene about once a week. Over the past year I have been keeping a tally of how many cars fail to yield to pedestrians who are crossing the street legally in crosswalks. During each visit downtown, I saw at least one driver who made an illegal turn in front of me. Once I saw a driver attempting to make a left turn from 13th onto Willamette in front of Chase Bank.

A disabled woman was crossing legally with the walk sign and the driver sadistically leaned on his horn and honked at the woman relentlessly. When she finally reached the curb she was shaking and crying so I stopped to console her. She kept saying; "I can't walk fast, I can't walk fast." It was despicable!

On Christmas Eve downtown, six cars failed to yield to me while I was crossing legally at a crosswalk. They were either running a stop sign or making a turn onto a one-way street at a red light without looking for pedestrians. Today a driver not only failed to stop at a stop sign, but when I stood my ground in the crosswalk where I had the right of way, and pointed at her and said "You have to stop!" she hit her gas and swerved around me recklessly to cut me off, driving on the wrong side of the road.

Eugene is supposed to be a town for "arts and outdoors" but if you are walking you risk your life, and now even the bicyclists are speeding down sidewalks, afraid to share the road with cars.

There is a pernicious culture of selfishness that has pervaded life in this town. People who own three-ton gas-powered missiles have "gun control" — it is called a driver's license. However, this does not give them free license to use their vehicles as weapons to intimidate pedestrians.

Eileen Polk  
Eugene

### OUR WILD RIDE

"Fire all of your guns at once, and explode into space" [lyrics from the song "Born to be Wild"]. The lines to get in gun shows are blocks long. The price of semi-assault weapons (my word for them) has doubled in one month. Permits for concealed weapons permits are skyrocketing.

The \$633 billion military industrial complex budget has doubled in the last 10 years. Billions are spent to militarize space. The daily death count from drone strikes is growing.

Like apes using bones to kill, I guess we are really "born to be wild."

Michael T. Hinojosa  
Drain

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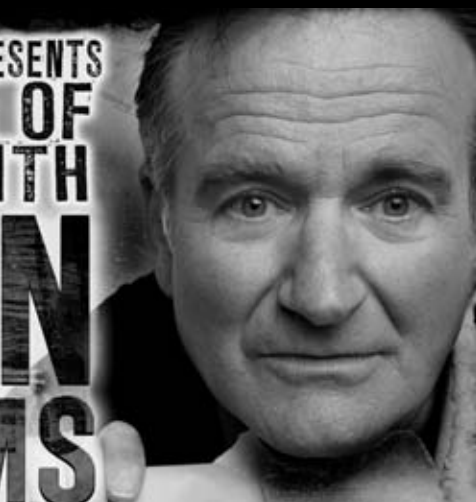
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