

presidents combined.

I personally care that Latin Americans, for example, are able to stay in their own lands. Because of NAFTA (Clinton) and the war on drugs, which sprays herbicide on Colombian food crops just to get the peasants off the land, there has been an artificial mass migration. The same goes with Mexico and other countries.

We should all attack the so-called “free trade” agreements (we now have to combat the Trans-Pacific Partnership). Sen. Ron Wyden supports these horrible, disgusting “agreements.” Find out the details about this. Information on them has been published before often enough though that might not stop “fast tracking” of them. Democrats pushed through the Korea FTA two years ago.

As far as Kitzhaber making it easier for rich foreigners to come to Oregon to study, why doesn't he worry about Americans who are in debt up to their eyeballs because of continuing privatization and tuition rise?

If you want people to have jobs, stop mechanized robots from clear-cutting and only take out the sick, dead and overcrowded trees manually or with minimal machinery. Growing hemp, too, would help things.

David Ivan Piccioni
Eugene

I DREAM OF MURALS

I really enjoyed some of the “dreams for Eugene” in the Dec. 26 “I Dream of Eugene” issue. A few of my favorite visions were: a hardware store downtown, more awnings, increasing diversity, improved public services, an indoor public market and supporting local artists.

While these are all super great ideas, none of them quite articulated my most prominent dream for Eugene: murals! Why doesn't Eugene have many more murals? As an artist,

I greatly appreciate aesthetics and believe the more public art a city has the better. Public art attracts tourists, brightens our (sometimes dreary) surroundings and can be a great way to support our aspiring local artists.

Seattle and Victoria have great noteworthy public art projects (bus stops and light poles respectfully). And in traveling there I was amazed how small public art projects greatly enhanced my enjoyment of those places.

So Eugene, join me and world famous street artist Banksy as we “Imagine a city ... where every street was awash with a million colors and little phrases. Where standing at a bus stop was never boring. A city that felt like a party where everyone was invited, not just the estate agents and barons of big business.”

Sherman Sherman
Eugene mural artist

HELP TO GET HIGH

I see by the newspapers that on opening day of Colorado's legal marijuana sales the price reached \$500 per ounce. To a casual observer of agricultural practices it appears to be a classic example of “We're from the government, and we're here to help you.”

James L. Whetstone
Eugene

THE STORY OF O

The UO marches on to new conquest in the Midwest. A little high school has a logo similar to Nike's O and is being forced to dismember it. Even though their O is maroon, the heavily favored Oregon colorblind fan base in Okoboji, Iowa, has to be protected from any possible exploitation of the trademark that would possibly tarnish the corporates' good name.

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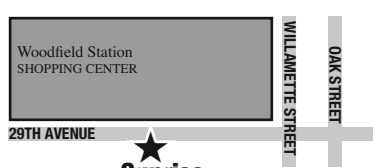
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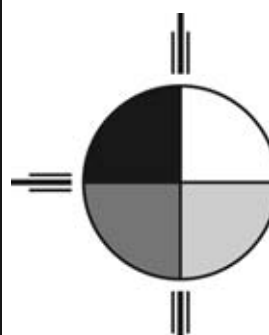
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