

highfalutin meetings of the heads of states have slowed or stopped the growth of fossil fuel use. The meetings appear to have been a total waste of time.

And now, we have a truly crushing blow — the Clinton presidential campaign has indicated that it will not support a carbon tax. We simply cannot meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals (locally, statewide or nationally) without a price on carbon. How can we take her commitment to climate action seriously if she rejects carbon pricing outright?

Clinton's negligence in failing to support a carbon tax is inexcusable.

Tom Giesen
Eugene

POLITICAL FUN

Tony Corcoran never fails to enlighten and entertain ["If Trump Wins: Move to Georgia!"]. He states that old geezers like himself remember the police riots during the divided 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago.

However, some of us old geezers were serving our country in Vietnam at that time. Having missed the domestic political fun that year, I highly anticipate watching the upcoming Republican convention in Cleveland.

This time around, I will gather my brethren, open a cold beer and thoroughly enjoy a front row seat of the likely shitstorm. Let the fun begin!

Gerry Kosanovic
Corvallis

WATER SAFETY

Fourth of July weekend, three Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club kayakers aided and helped rescue several people floating in inner tubes on the McKenzie River near RiverBend hospital who were tangled in brush in the river.

Every year people get in serious trouble out of ignorance, alcohol or cheap inflatable "pool boats" without life preservers or sometimes even paddles.

Kayakers are often compelled to assist these unsafe and under-equipped boaters or at least contact the Sheriff Marine Patrol.

Rescues are expensive and risk the lives of responders as well as the victims. Please invest in good equipment and acquire the skills to be safe on the river.

The Willamette Canoe and Kayak Club website has safety information and links. Go to wkcc.org.

Mark Murphy
Creswell

POWER OF SYMBOLS

I'm a professional graphic designer. Symbols are important, powerful communication tools. In the Old West, brass sheriff's stars were six pointed. Modern law enforcement agencies (including the Lane County Sheriffs Department and the Eugene Police Department — go ahead, Google their homepages) use seven-pointed stars because, since World War Two, a six-pointed star has been most powerfully recognized as The Star of David.

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BABY CHRISTIAN TRUMP

Great news. *The New York Times* reports that James Dobson, one of the nation's most influential evangelical leaders, has declared that Donald Trump has been born again. According to Dobson, he was "led to Christ" by an unnamed associate.

Although Trump continues to use language typically considered coarse and un-Christian, Dobson says we should "cut him some slack. He didn't grow up like we did. He's a baby Christian."

Evangelical Christians can now vote for the Donald with a clear conscience. Praise the Lord.

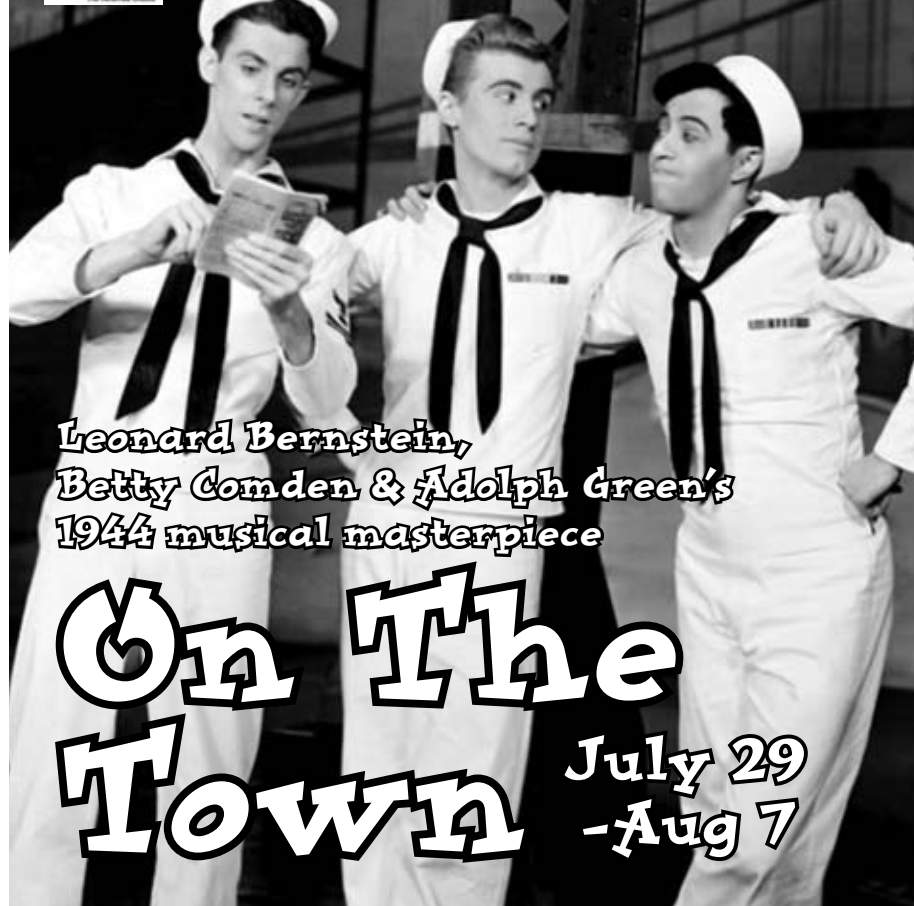
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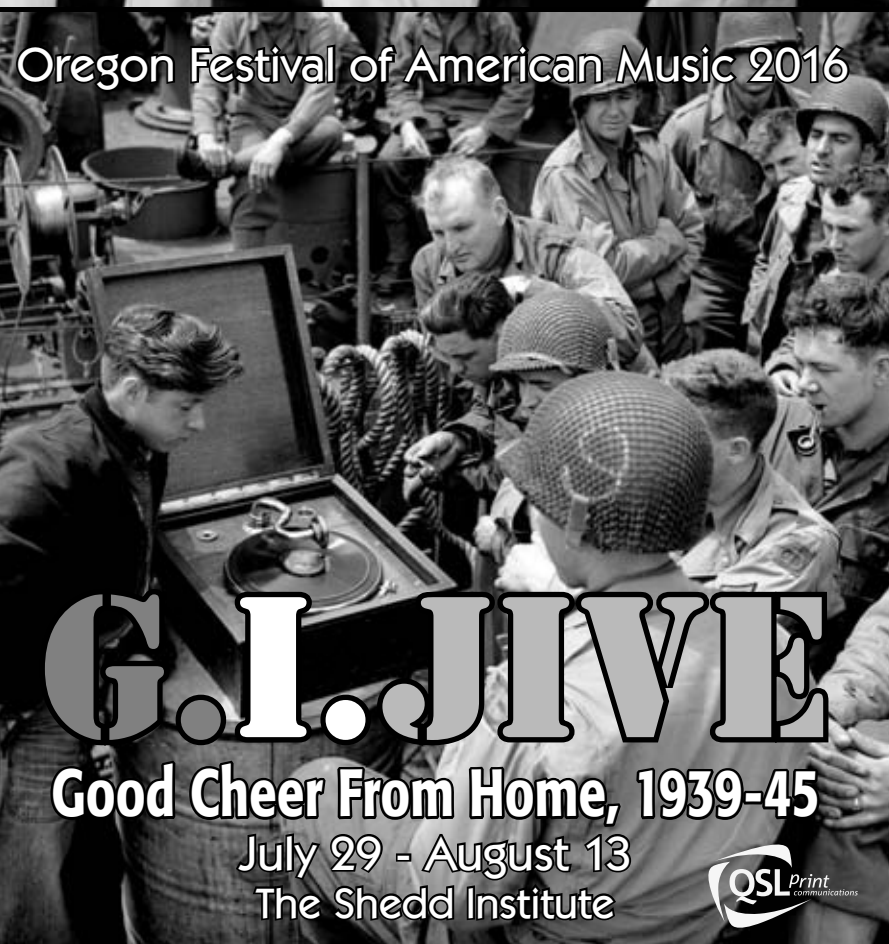
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