

RUDE CYCLIST

To the spandex cyclist who added insult to injury:

While passing Skinner Butte Park on a sunny Labor Day afternoon, my party (three humans on two bikes) encountered some slowing due to traffic. The congestion consisted of 10 people, four bikes, a stroller and two dogs. As we negotiated our way past one another, maneuvering carefully to allow everyone adequate space and time to safely continue their various journeys, you came speeding down the path. It would have been enough just that you destabilized a rider, causing her to lose control and end up hitting the pavement, but you saw fit to yell back over your shoulder that she was in the wrong place and should have gotten out of your way.

Her hands will heal, though at present she can neither write nor ride her bike (our family's main mode of transportation). I know you were well past our little group before the results of your speed had fully

developed. I'm sure you didn't realize the consequences of your actions. But I thought you ought to know. Maybe next time you encounter slowing near a park on a fine holiday afternoon you can also consider the needs of others and reduce your speed to make our multi-use path safer for all.

Mary Kate Land
Eugene

DOUBLE STANDARD

There are advanced plans for a single-story commercial building on the bowling alley lot, Willamette Street.

This single-story building will be right in the area where an urban density plan was about to get forced upon residents. That plan would have elbowed out low-income residents, but a million-dollar investor can show up and the whole well-meaning urban density concept gets pushed aside.

The bowling alley lot is a prime opportunity for erecting a two or three-

story building, with apartments above the shops. This might not be what this particular investor's goal is but Eugene has sold enough of its soul to investors that have no interest in the common good. Indirectly, this type of building contributes to urban sprawl in a big way.

If Eugene grants a permit to the single-story commercial building at Willamette Street, it needs to get accused of double standards.

Ralf Huber
Springfield

SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Now I'm scared: After Hill's little fauxpas with leaked emails fixing the primaries. The Homeland Security Department, or Home LSD for short, wants to "protect" the nation's entire election infrastructure including our local elections from mayor down to the sheriff's dog catcher. Bernie wouldn't have done

that. America, you made a mistake not recognizing it is up to the people to take the power pyramids apart before it's too late. The social movement is much bigger than a single leader. Revolutions R US.

Vince Loving
Eugene

STILL SWEATING

I had one of those worrying thoughts the other day, the kind that bring on a cold sweat. What if Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton tied at around 40 percent, each with a slim majority for one or the other? What if the following day it was announced that foreign computer hackers had been detected in several states' electoral voting systems?

How long would it take before suits were flying around the courts trying to sort out who was the actual winner? What if it ended up at the Supreme Court just like the 2000 election? What if we only had eight Supreme Court justices?

SHE WHO WATCHES BY KAYLA GODOWA TUFTI

Quarry on Native Lands

King's unsustainable mining project proceeds

Few are aware of Ed King's (King Estate Winery) unsustainable investment in the Old Hazeldell Quarry mine in Oakridge. Currently forestland, TV Butte is set to be rezoned to open a quarry. Aggregate rock will be extracted from TV Butte for road paving projects for 50 years.

Once U.S. Forest Service land, the property of the proposed quarry site is known as TV Butte on Dunning Road. This is the original location of the town of Oakridge, once called Hazeldell.

Our Molalla tribal band is calling for a boycott of King Estate Winery and all investments of the King family. King has deceived the citizens of Lane County by drawing attention to the "sustainable," "local" gimmicks of the winery, meanwhile hiring staff and legal representatives to open an unsustainable mining operation in Oakridge that will locally contribute to irreversible environmental damage and climate change.

King Estate Winery proclaims to be on the path to being the nation's largest bio-dynamic winery, which provides Ed King a glossy green-washed cloak to lurk behind.

June 2006, Greg Demers purchased the property in partnership with Ed King. The property was purchased for \$3,731,000 from Murphy Lumber, which had used the property to harvest timber since the '70s.

Historically, the property was utilized by the Chakgeenkni-Tufti band of Molalla Indians and several other local tribes for thousands of years. Klamath, Kalapuya, Warm Springs, Wasco, including other tribes camped at TV Butte to gather foods such as camas, elk and huckleberries.

Within the proposed quarry site, it is a fact there is a trail that was frequented by tribes for at least 500 years.

Ancient materials have been found on the property such as arrowheads, stone grinders and baskets. There is a known Molalla burial ground nearby.

My great-great grandfather Charlie Tufti, member of the Chakgeenkni-Tufti band, was awarded donation land claim adjacent to TV Butte in 1884. Molalla tribal member Jim Chuck-Chuck also owned land next to the proposed quarry site.

Lawrence Hills, mayor of Oakridge (1958 and '63), built a historical marker, a cabin at Greenwaters Park off Hwy. 58 that states, "Dunning Road is an ancient Molalla Tribal site." This information is framed with a photo of Charlie Tufti. It states Charlie Tufti was "well known in the area, gentle in nature."

July 26 was the final meeting before the Lane County Planning Commission took place. The crowd dwindled since the previous meeting in May at the Lane County Customer Service building. The applicant Dorian Kuper and Ed King's attorney, Stephen Pfeiffer of Perkins Coie, sat in the front row, seeming confident the quarry project will proceed.

Hundreds of pages of new testimony and historical documentation were submitted to the planning commission, including a petition of nearly 200 citizens who are opposed to the project. Yet little acknowledgment of the proposed quarry site's ancient historical or environmental significance was given.

Historical, cultural, natural resources and aggregate rock are Goal 5 resources under Oregon law.

Planning commission member Jason Thiesfeld expressed concern that these Goal 5 resources conflict with one another. He said though aggregate rock is considered under Goal 5, so are natural, historical and cultural resources. And that a mining operation would jeopardize natural resources such as fish, game and clean water.

Commission chair Charles Conrad concluded the meeting with remarks about Parvin Butte in Dexter. He remarked, "Five years ago I was in your spot. We've gotten used to it. It wasn't as horrible as we thought it would be."

The Lane County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Old Hazeldell Quarry Project to the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

It has been a dehumanizing, degrading experience to have archaeological "experts" Linda Hart and Kathryn Toepel at Heritage Research Associates discredit everything factual about our tribe's residency at TV Butte. Furthermore, to have Lane County employees treat our tribal members as if we cannot be experts on our own cultural identity and history is morbid.

The Old Hazeldell Quarry Project is a direct threat to our tribal sovereignty, cultural identity and right to defend our ancient village sites as Molalla people. Ed King's mining project will desecrate and irreversibly damage an irreplaceable historical site to our tribe.

The Old Hazeldell Quarry mine is not an effective use of Oregon's statewide planning goals and guidelines under Goal 5 and does not justify rezoning TV Butte from F1 and F2 forestland to quarry.

Our culture has been here for thousands of years and will continue to be here for thousands more.

The quarry has a projected 50-year life span. But our tribe and residents of Oregon will be forced to live with the damaging effects forever.

Find Boycott King Estate on Facebook or attend the next public meeting before the Lane County Board of Commissioners 1 pm Oct. 11 at Harris Hall in Eugene.

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