

oppose the name change. And the eastern brothers and sisters who were paid a fee from our taxes by the council to make various recommendations for our benefit, and who wholeheartedly recommended changing the name to Kesey Square?

Well, what do they know?

*Christopher and Deb Michaels  
Eugene*

### ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

On Sunday in Las Vegas, America suffered the deadliest mass shooting in our nation's history. My heart goes out to the victims and their families, and to all Americans who have had enough of gun violence in this country.

Americans need to be safe in public places, whether at country music concerts, dance clubs, schools, churches or baseball fields.

We are done debating. We need comprehensive gun safety laws in order to protect our citizens from these random acts of violence that threaten our everyday lives. Congress needs to act now to ensure the safety of all Americans.

*Curtis Taylor  
Eugene*

### FIGHTING ALZHEIMER'S

Every 66 seconds a family member, neighbor, friend or coworker receives a devastating diagnosis: Alzheimer's disease. All of us are at risk — because Alzheimer's can happen to anyone with a brain. But you can take action to help assure a better future for everyone.

We invite you to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 8, at Eugene's Alton Baker Park. Registration is at noon.

Join an existing team or form your own. You can walk all or part of the two-mile course. You can even be a virtual walker by contributing to the cause, perhaps in honor or memory of someone affected by this devastating disease that can't be slowed and has no cure — yet.

My wife and I will be virtual walkers on Oct. 8 in memory of her father, who died in 2002 after a 10-year battle with the disease that progressively stole his loving presence from his family, including his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Every dollar raised directly benefits individuals locally through free educational programs, support groups, care consulta-

tions, art classes, the 24/7 Helpline, website and more. Your dollars also help drive critical research toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

To start or join a team today, visit the Walk to End Alzheimer's website at [tinyurl.com/17EugeneWalk](http://tinyurl.com/17EugeneWalk). For information about Alzheimer's, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 1-800-272-3900.

Together, we can end Alzheimer's. Please join us on Oct. 8.

*John R. Crosiar  
Alzheimer's Assoc. Oregon Chapter  
Springfield*

### THE CIVILIZATION CURSE

Puerto Rico needs diesel. After the storms, the islanders don't cotton much to a life of savagery. They need help getting hooked back up to civilization.

Were I Puerto Rican, I would be ambivalent about this massive rescue operation — getting all the pumps and tubes and transistors operational like some kind of basket case in a critical care unit feeding the inmates the miracles of modern civilization. Flush toilets, high-speed internet, jet travel and the whole nine yards.

Air conditioning, dear lord. Land-lording the terrain with surveyed plots. Global trade so I might sit around in underwear manufactured by abused children in Bangladesh. Surrounded by objects fabricated by strangers whose company I would not enjoy in the least. Great Gawd a'mighty ... diesel needs to get here quick.

Or it might feel more like being frog marched back into the penitentiary.

*David Hugh Tyson  
Eugene*

### TAKE A KNEE

Colin Kaepernick has clearly stated the resolution: Unarmed people of color are disproportionately being killed by police.

Many folks have tried to distract us from Kaepernick's message by instead focusing on the form of his protest. They'll say that kneeling during the national anthem is disrespectful to the flag or to veterans or to elected officials. Nonviolent protesters have always had those detractors. Every time. Don't let them distract you from the resolution.

Unarmed people of color are disproportionately being killed by police.

Privileged white people will try to

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| 11.4 Asherie & Gardner   | 12.1-17 MUSICAL: Singin' In<br>The Rain (9 performances) |
| 11.9 Siri Vik: Sure On This<br>Shining Night: Samuel<br>Barber & Aaron Copland | 12.4 SYJO FALL '17                                       |
| 11.11 Alejandro Escovedo<br>Burn Something Beautiful                           | 12.5 Shedd Choral Society                                |
| 11.15 Tony Glausi I'll Be Home<br>for Christmas                                | 12.6 & 10 The Jazz Kings: An Old-<br>Fashioned Christmas |
| 11.17 Carl Woideck: Remember-<br>ing Charles Mingus                            | 1.11 Beamer & Kapono                                     |
|  | 1.13 Victor Wooten Trio                                  |
|  | 1.24 Ladysmith Black Mambazo                             |
|  | 3.1 Taj Mahal  |



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