

think it's a great way to promote women's sports and give more opportunities for female athletes. Let's keep working hard to make it happen!

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MORE VARIETY, PLEASE, IN ASTROLOGY

Over the last two decades I have read the local weekly from cover to cover and, in general, love the variety of interesting stories our quirky community inspires. However, unfortunately, I can't say the astrology section has ever been a part I look forward to reading.

Not that I don't realize this area of expertise is for the most part open to interpretation of the reader and how it relates to our own lives. I am not a fan of the constant use of metaphors and quotes in long drawn out comparisons to explain how each sign can use it to relate or reflect on the lesson it has to offer. Blah,blah blah, most of the time it seems to lose my interest half way through my birth signs section.

I for one would love to read more than one author's advice in this section with a slightly simpler style easy to understand and recall as we navigate life in the week ahead. I don't want to upset anyone with my opinion, and I am only suggesting a variety might be nice. I would be interested

if any other readers have similar opinions. And may all of the zodiac signs go out and spread kindness in the coming week.

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DON'T BELIEVE THE NATURAL GAS HYPE

I have seen a barrage of information coming out about energy security from our local gas company. Here is my experience. I was staying at a friend's house when the electricity went out. Their gas furnace shut off at the same time — no heat. Almost all gas furnaces now have electronic starting devices, so they do not work in a power outage. And if you are smart enough to bypass that electronic starter, or have an old style continual pilot light, the fan to circulate the hot air doesn't work. This both does not give you heat and is dangerous from uncirculated heat building up.

Your older gas stove will work, but so does our energy efficient small wood stove that heats and cooks for those rare occasions when the power may go out.

Please think this through. We must transition to clean electricity, which we are lucky to have with EWEB being 90 percent clean. We can all do our part to secure a stable climate future for our children and grandchildren. Please think this through

for yourself, don't believe the hype!

Linda Kelley
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WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS

Since 2016 Oregon has had an average of 78 pedestrian deaths a year. In 2020 more than 6,500 pedestrians and more than 930 cyclists died in the U.S. An increase from 2019 despite a decrease in vehicle miles traveled in 2020. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found, in 2020, that 31 percent of pedestrians and 16 percent of drivers involved in fatal pedestrian crashes had blood alcohol levels above the limit for drivers. In 2021 U.S. pedestrian deaths had risen to about 20 a day. Historic levels.

A large number of U.S. pedestrian deaths were homeless people. They are outside and often camping out of the way by roadsides, and sometimes have mental or addiction problems.

Here in Springfield I have almost been hit many times. The main culprit I have noticed is turns where the lights tell oncoming traffic to turn the moment the walk light comes on. The driver is watching their light and doesn't see the pedestrian's light has come on.

One of the reasons I rent in my neighborhood of Springfield is because of the convenient walking distance to stores.

I only ask that people take another

look, slow down, make sure. They don't want to know what it feels like to hit someone and possibly to kill them.

Lisa Marie Sumner
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A TOXIC LACK OF INFORMATION

It is a good thing that the state of Oregon regulates and inspects restaurants. I think that the public is entitled to know about all inspection results.

Today I wrote testimony to present at the April 10 City Council meeting in support of the West Eugene Public Health Overlay Zone, proposed by Beyond Toxics. To buttress my arguments, I decided to Google "Toxic waste statistics for Eugene, OR." There were no statistics. I Googled "Toxic waste statistics for Lane County, OR." No statistics.

Eventually I visited the DEQ site, which, to say the least, is user-unfriendly. I am still left wondering: Does nobody track the amounts of toxic materials used in Eugene? Where used? Where disposed of and how? Are violations reported in a timely manner and available to the public?

This lack of transparency is just one of the reasons that the Overlay Zone is needed, not just in West Eugene but for the whole city.

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