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CHOWING DOWN ON CHOW

Thank you for the sweet reviews of two of our favorite new-ish joints (Chow!, July 20).

Krob Krua had been our go-to for authentic Thai hot spectacularities and continued to be throughout the pandemic. The new location, as described in the article, is prime and a lot more comfortable than the former spot.

And while I am a chili relleno snob of the highest order, a solid tostada will also get me every time. The chili verde tostada at the Jaguar Café, topped with a ring of salsa verde and a crown of salsa roja (it's hot, baby!) has become my new go-to. Nice to hear of another family-run Mex establishment, as with our pals at 1960 Cocina (home of the perfect chili relleno)!

*Lea Jones
Eugene*

BRING THE EMS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

I am writing in support of bringing the Ems to Lane County Fairgrounds.

I find it impossible to believe that the finances for this project cannot be found. The longer this decision gets put off, the more expensive the project becomes. The Fairgrounds is an underutilized space that has great potential with the Ems. Their plan includes a facility that will provide year-round opportunities as well as a hotel and other amenities, without disturbing the existing landscape.

People who are already complaining about traffic and noise should have considered those things when they moved to the heart of a city. I did not buy a house 10 blocks from downtown Eugene to live in a sleepy suburb. This county used to be a vibrant place to live with weekly happenings that brought people out of their houses and together as a community. Here are some things that we no longer have: Eugene Celebration, Reggae on the River, Willamette Valley Folk Festival, Art and the Vineyard, local parades, Fourth of July fireworks.

It is unconscionable that money can continually be found and the taxpayers

can continually pay more taxes to support people that don't want to participate in society at any level, but you cannot find the wherewithal to support a project that can be enjoyed by young and old, and is a longstanding supporter of the community at large, is a family-friendly national pastime and will only serve to improve and uplift the surrounding area.

Do the right thing here.

*Liz Treacy
Eugene*

BASEBALL BY THE MALL

Imagine a new stadium for the Eugene Emeralds in the northwest corner of the parking lot at the Valley River Center. The stadium would have a terrific view of the river. Fans could bike and walk to the games along the riverfront paths. It is not surrounded by a residential neighborhood that would be impacted by the traffic and noise of the games. There are wonderful restaurants and hotels and shopping adjacent to the site.

Instead, Lane County is proposing to build a stadium for the Ems at the Fairgrounds, causing noise and traffic congestion from three games a week for five months in the middle of a residential neighborhood with no restaurants or hotels or shopping nearby — at a cost of more than \$100 million — to benefit a private organization whose owners don't even live in Oregon. What a terrible idea. Not just Valley River Center, but also alternative sites along the river in Glenwood or in the hills at LCC would have been far better. I vote "no" on a new stadium at the Fairgrounds. Oh, wait, they aren't going to submit it to a vote!

*Jim Kocher
Eugene*

ABUSING DEMOCRACY

I don't need space here to defend Oregon State Rep. Paul Holvey (District 8). His record as a fighter for working people and defender of the natural environment speaks for itself. He has been re-elected multiple times with more than 80 percent of the vote.

Instead, I have a question: Why a recall now and not a challenge in the

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