

away from where nearly everyone agrees they should be spent on restoring complexity and resiliency to our public forests.

We must reduce fuels near homes and communities. We must replace culverts that impair fish passage. We must thin hundreds of thousands of acres of young, dense stands that were clearcut and planted decades ago. These projects will produce wood fiber and jobs, as well as promote the development of forests that support wildlife and clean water.

ONRC actively promotes these alternatives to logging ancient forests and wildlands. We recognize that a healthy economy and a healthy ecosystem must be diverse. Instead of fighting over the last scraps of wildlands and ancient forests, we believe we should throw our collective weight behind getting common sense work done.

*Jeremy Hall
ONRC, Eugene*

SHORTING DEMOCRACY

In 2002 Scott Meisner initiated and succeeded in having passed a change in the City Council process. That change resulted in having Monday night meetings, which are the only meetings open to public com-

ment, end at 10 pm. It does not matter what is on the agenda. This has resulted in allowing citizens who want to speak on an issue little or no time. Also voting in favor of this change was Nancy Nathanson.

The City Council is the governing body of our community. Monday night meetings are the times when we get to voice opinions about the actions of the council. If we can't speak then, when will they hear us?

It is time to take our democracy back, not only from George W. Bush, but also from Scott Meisner and Nancy Nathanson. On May 18, I hope you have voted for those who believe in hearing from you and not those who don't.

*Michael Carrigan
Eugene*

ARTISTIC VISION

I had occasion to view Margaret Via's lovely retrospect last week at the Maude Kerns Art Center.

As a landscape artist, Via is aware of the history and current issues around her chosen subject matter; otherwise, her results might be naïve, and unlikely to move the viewer. However, Via's unique drawings and paintings conceptually reduce the natural/manmade world into calculated



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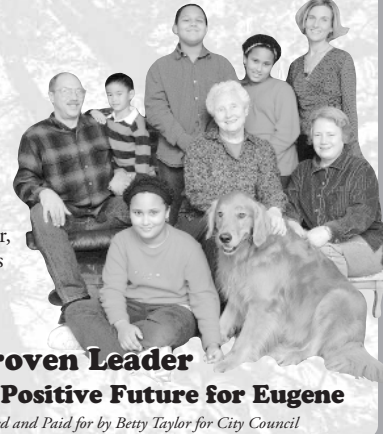
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