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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to vote for George Bush, than you have no compassion. A vote for Kerry is a vote for death.

Would you please print this in your weekly newspaper.

George Carlson
Eugene

BRAINWASHED

I just got back from a visit to Eugene, my old hometown. I live now in California, a state that was ravaged by Enron. You don't see so many Bush lawn signs here. People remember that Ken Lay was W's best friend and number one supporter and that Bush's FERC did nothing to stop the looting of our economy.

I talked with many people across Oregon and was disturbed to hear the same lines over and over: "Kerry is no different, no better than Bush. They're both Skull and Bones" [an elite Yale-based secret society]. I heard so many people express indifference toward voting, as if it didn't matter. To me it sounds like folks have been brainwashed into apathy.

Kerry has a stellar voting record in the senate. He chaired the Iran-Contra hearings and made that incredible speech in 1971 for Veterans Against the Vietnam War. Is he perfect? Hell no. But we are, in my humble opinion, about to lose our country forever. The draft is looming and an economic depression that will make 1929 seem like a picnic. And behind it all is global warming and environ-

mental catastrophe.

In California people are saying that if Kerry wins, the real work begins the next day. C'mon Oregon, vote as if all our lives depend on it.

Rob Nelson
Santa Rosa, Calif.

MINCED BOVINE

I have to say that I don't disagree with Mr. Kyle's views in his letter to the editor (8/5). Carl's Jr. is a large corporation, and as such, very corrupt. The executives probably aren't "people of conscience." So really, it's unlikely that any of them care that one man is making (rather unsupported) claims that their slogans are putting people off their meals.

He says that the words "shock and awe" conjure images of spattered blood and broken body parts. He may think of war-related images because of that slogan, but I, as a vegetarian, find that pictures of hamburgers conjure violent images without any reference to the war at all. Really, what you're looking at when you see a nice, big, juicy burger is minced, abused, brutally murdered bovine squished into a short, cylindrical shape, grilled, and then put on a sesame seed bun. (Sorry, Steve, for the unpleasant images.) So maybe that's what Carl's Jr. wants you to imagine with their slogan. It kinda sounds that way to me.

Pam Merten
Corvallis

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PAVING FARMLAND? NO!

We recently became fully aware of the level to which planning has been going into the McDougal land swap. If you are not aware of the proposal please read on; it involves moving the urban growth boundary (UGB), paving farmland and a city park.

What is the UGB? It is the waist belt if you will, which helps hold the city in; it was legislated to help protect rural lands. It is a form of planning that encourages urban uses on urban lands. What is the "swap?" The McDougal family owns both pieces to be swapped; 120 acres in the Laurel Hill area inside the UGB and 197 acres near River Road, outside the UGB. The proposed swap puts the area inside, out, and the area outside, in, making the farmland developable now and the hillside property less available for three years.

The city of Eugene gains 77 acres (the difference) in parkland. The landowners, according to economic analysis, stand to gain \$2.75 million in lesser costs of developing flat land with city cooperation. County residents, farmers, and farm supporters, might view this as a loss. We do. The McDougals bought this land on speculation. They did not buy it to farm or enjoy it, but in the hopes of someday making money.

If we continue to loosen the "waist belt," sprawl goes on, speculation is encouraged and continues, and, in this case, class one farmland is paved over. If we maintain the boundary, as many expressed they wanted to in a study done five years ago, we gain stability, farmers can continue to provide food from lands near our city, and we acknowledge again, that cities can grow too big. Growing local food is being recognized more and more as "smart growth."

I think this land is open space and could become park land and that mixed use should host small agriculturally centered community. To see that happen, we will need to let this proposal go, so that speculation slows.

This proposal has the City Council initiating a metro plan boundary change, sample sales agreements written up, and park/housing development plans being hailed. A lot of money has obviously been invested. The community is now being given a view and asked their opinion, but we got the feeling in the first public session that parks planning staff were too invested to lead an impartial public session. It seemed "the proposal" was only open to park design changes. This needs an impartial discussion leader or facilitator who will treat it as it truly is – a proposal. While no one likes wasting resources, yet that is the risk if the city feels they need to present such polished plans before taking in public opinion.

I encourage all who feel a connection to annexed land, parks, farmland protection, and resource land preservation to learn a little more and contact county commissioners and city councilors. Admittedly the players seem big, so it will take many voices speaking out for farmland and good planning. Remember UGB change guidelines say class one soil lands are the last to be brought into the UGB.

Farms: yes. Parks: yes. Development on farmland: whoa!

Kevin Jones
Eugene