

cent Easter lawn sign sightings, he's thinking of placing a sign next spring on the lawn of his home in Eugene.

Its message: "Passover: Unleavened Bread Not Risen."

Jerome Garger
Yachats

TIGHTWAD GAZETTE

Thank you so much for the "Swizzle" section in your 3/10 edition. Your timing was ironic as I was just trying to gather the same information and was going to send it to you soon. I was going to call it the "Tightwad Gazette" and list all the deals and regular entertainment at local pubs and clubs. It's like you read my mind!

As far as your normal Clubs listing, I and many others still prefer the old way where you categorized events by the day instead of by the club. It's a much more reader friendly format when you want to quickly scan What's Happening on a certain night.

I love the *Weekly*. It's alternative and positive and essential to our town. Could probably do without the cheesy sex ads on the last page. I don't think *Weekly* readers are the type to call those ads. Maybe I'm wrong but it seems to me that space could be better put to use. Anyway, thank you again and for all your effort.

Lisa Ann Woodie
Eugene

NOT WORTH IT

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), there is a 95 percent certainty that 5.7 billion barrels of oil can be technically extracted from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This includes all federal lands, native-owned private lands and state-regulated waters of the refuge. The U.S. Dept. of Energy reports that the U.S. consumes 7.31 billion barrels of oil each year, and world consumption is estimated at 29.2 billion barrels of oil per year.

Therefore, at current rates of consumption, the U.S. would burn through the entire estimated capacity of oil in the refuge in nine months. At what cost?

The original "Arctic National Wildlife Range" was created in 1960 by Public Land Order 2214 "for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness and recreational values." Further goals are: to conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; to fulfill the international fish and wildlife treaty obligations; to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; and to ensure water quality and necessary water quantity within the refuge. Would drilling for oil in the wildlife refuge serve any of these goals?

There are many plausible alternatives to drilling in the refuge. For example, by increasing overall fuel efficiency by only one quarter of 1 percent each year, the U.S. would save 5.98 billion barrels of oil in just 11 years. Alternatively, if we increased overall fuel efficiency by 1 percent every five years, we would conserve 6.3 billion barrels of oil in those same 11 years.

Is it really worth drilling in ANWR?

John Day
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NOT HER PASSION?

Regarding Eli VanCamp's reply (3/31) to Mark Frisbee's commentary (3/17): While obviously not her intention, her remarks ironically back up Mr. Frisbee's statement: "Animal rights may not be your cup o'tea, and I don't blame you. It takes a lot to think about someone other than yourself."

Ms. VanCamp, annoyed by his comment, states she is well aware of the despicable practices of much of the U.S. food industry, yet continues to eat meat; she disagrees with those practices and hopes to see them reformed and properly regulated; and she does not take action because the issue is not her "own personal passion."

She acknowledges that blatant cruelty runs rampant throughout animal agribusiness, yet she actively promotes and personally participates in this cruelty by consuming meat — and, most likely, dairy and eggs.

She supposedly disagrees with the brutal practices, but apparently not enough to take a stand towards ending them. How is Ms. VanCamp able to ignore the suffering and cruelty forced upon living, feeling beings, claiming it is not her "own personal passion?" Quite simply, she chooses to think only of herself, turning a blind eye to the perpetual cycle of violence and deprivation perpetrated against defenseless animals in order

to satisfy her palate preference.

It's never too late to start thinking of someone other than oneself when it comes to making food choices, particularly in Eugene, where animal-friendly options abound.

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