

transportation, all breaking gasoline addiction (Hallelujah!). Instead of guns and cars, cool bikes and guitars. No matter what one's circumstances, no one can steal the paintbrush to one's imagination. (Tom Petty's song "Can't Stop the Sun" comes to mind). Feel, taste, smell, hear and see this world with every fiber of your being!

As a songwriter/artist I not only compose for money and to make my friends happy; I wish to restore a glimmer of light and hope to humankind. Dreaming is our best defense.

*Ceila (Starshine) Levine  
Eugene*

**GENE-BOUND**

I could not help, after reading Mr. Crowley's response (8/9) to Mr. Andrews' letter to the editor (7/26), [but think] that Mr. Crowley doesn't get it, or is in denial himself, or simply arrogant regarding his own "spiritual" superiority. Mr. Andrews simply states facts regarding human genetic behavior now, and from our short evolutionary past. He's not fearful of Latin Americans or any other ethnic group, and he's not a pseudo-spiritualist. This is obvious to me after reading his letter and that of Chris Williamson's from several weeks ago regarding the illegal immigration problem.

If we were not bound by our genes, we could fly like birds, hear like elephants or swim like dolphins. Our limitations are not merely physical but also mental since our degradation of the environment, our continuous killing of one another by the millions, human-caused famine, all sorts of repression, all stem from our mental functions. That, too, is limited by our genes. Mr. Andrews correctly states that most of our actions to this date are negative in nature and that very little in the positive has occurred to this date; otherwise we would not be in the desperate situation that we are in today — and that we need to get to know and live within our limitations, which we are *not* currently doing.

Mr. Crowley points to Oregon's Measure 37 as being "super" important, and not illegal immigration. Sorry pal, small potatoes! The environmental degradation has and will continue for quite sometime. The only chance of survival is by some fast human evolution by the way of genetic mutation; otherwise, we're on a fast track to extinction.

Human beings are not the center of the universe and need to start acting like we aren't.

*Peter Browne  
Eugene*

**GIVE ME A DULL ROAR**

What it is about restaurant owners and decorators who put such a premium on style they ignore the noise build-up that occurs

with all the glass, steel, wood and hard surfaces?

This month I went with three friends to try out Davis', the new restaurant at Broadway and Olive. But it was so noisy we realized we couldn't hear each other and went elsewhere. For the same reason we no longer go to Lucky Noodle. And I have friends who tell me the same is true for them regarding Café Zenon and the new P.F. Chang losing their business.

It is not rocket science. Many restaurants (Kuraya's, Ambrosia, Ring of Fire, Café Soriah, Marché) manage to keep noise levels down to a dull roar. Even new restaurants with lots of glass and and hard surfaces (Thai Basil, Three Square) seem to have figured it out.

Do the owners have a clue of how much business they are losing?

*Martin Henner  
Eugene*

**LINN-BENTON BLUES**

Cheers to the liberals for their half-assed gesture toward ending the war in Iraq. Where would we all be without the Democratic Party's commitment to acting on the will of the cannon-fodder who make their barely effectual appeasements a possibility? Then again, who would know the difference? At 20 years old, I look to my peers and see a generation that doesn't seem to mind that it's already doomed to suffer from the dubious results of our dependency upon warfare in its myriad forms.

Having lived some 15 years of in the drug-saturated pit-hole that continues to be Albany, Ore., among its various mill workers, meth and heroin addicts, I have these modest insights into this national obsession to offer.

This Albany/Corvallis area represents an absolutely delicious cross-section of the warfare culture. Here we have rare metals plants with which to arm ourselves, plenty of high school dropouts (and other indigent mercenaries) with whom to wage our wars without having to suffer the political fallout of drafting white college students and a legion of hopelessly addicted denizens to buy the drugs produced in countries that our leaders decide to incorporate into the global web of the free market (by invading them first, of course). Really, it's a win-win situation.

Unless you disagree with these acts but still pay the taxes that fund them. Or unless you're horribly maimed or die fighting them. But who cares about those people? As long as the government isn't wasting our tax dollars on something peripheral like health care or education.

I hear many elders speak of today's youth as apathetic and unmotivated to engage society. Like their debt, our elders seem intent on

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