

nature are, by comparison, quaint? These mostly temperate, nonthreatening climes are just one of many factors contributing to Oregon's rapid population growth. Working families chasing the American dream and baby boomers seeking retirement nirvana are following the Oregon Trail. Will this migration destroy those very qualities that draw them here? What's a tranquility seeking soul to do?

Permanent access to quiet, natural sanctuaries is becoming a critical need, and yet the opportunity to enjoy the solitude of primeval open spaces is diminishing. *The Register-Guard's* excellent feature article on the proposed Badlands Wilderness east of Bend (Outdoors, 8/7) describes just such an oasis, an essential wildlife habitat and home to a wealth of cultural and geological wonders. This high desert refuge is uniquely positioned to be Oregon's next congressionally designated desert wilderness, one whose proximity to fast-growing Bend makes it a priority for protection. Volunteers from Eugene-Springfield and from around the Pacific Northwest have been working for more than a decade to restore and protect the Badlands.

I strongly urge Congressman Peter DeFazio to support this goal, to take the lead in protecting the Badlands for his constituents and for all Oregonians. Our High Desert is much too special a place to leave exposed to "progress," and Wilderness Designation for the Badlands will ensure that this legacy is there for future generations to enjoy.

Brian McCall
Eugene

ATTN: WILDLIFE LOVERS

Responsible hunting is a safe and healthy tradition that millions of Americans enjoy with their families each year. Hunting generates huge sums of money that benefits wildlife on many levels. Revenues generated from hunting contribute to habitat protection, biological research, refuge management, winter feeding programs, trap and transplant and more. Millions of Americans harvest their own food, which should be viewed as a totally acceptable way of life. As sad as it sounds, some people today cannot make the simple connection that death must occur in order for them to enjoy the hamburgers and hot dogs they love to guzzle.

If it was up to the Humane Society of the U.S. and PETA, we would be eating grass and wearing plastic shoes. These groups are not your local animal shelter helping puppies. These people are against hunting, fishing, trapping, farming, medical research, etc.

Modern conservation practices through hunting are the reason we have healthy wildlife populations in the U.S. Hunters and conservation groups such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever and many more are the ones contributing the money, time and resources that benefit wildlife and habitat. Some people choose the outdoor way of life while some people choose otherwise. In America, this should always be a personal choice and it should not be decided for them through legislation and ballot initiatives. Oregon's wildlife needs everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike, to stand up

and support conservation and sound wildlife management practices. It is only through these efforts that we will be able to guarantee healthy wildlife populations for future generations to enjoy. It is time to say NO to these extremists and do what is right for Oregon.

Chad Gooch
Lafayette

LOCAL, GLOBAL ILLUSION

At this very moment, relocalization efforts and relocalized economies are occurring all over the globe simultaneously.

We who are interested in regaining control over our local economy are connected in spirit and vision with those in other localities who striving to regain control over their local economies.

Separation is an illusion. We need to find a way to relocalize without diminishing the effectiveness of each other's local economies — without negating beneficial (fair) trade. At the same time, we need to find a way to globalize without destroying local economies because we are, in fact, a global species and there is a global economy.

When we operate out of a narrow frame of reference by identifying with our own separate, small, individual lives and families and communities, we only perpetuate the current fear-and-greed-based economic system that leads to the oppression of so many for the benefit of so few. And the solutions we grasp at remain stuck in the polarized realm of "moving *against*" things (for example opposing globalization with localization) versus learning to "move *with*"

the flow in a coordinated and intelligent manner.

As more and more of us continue to awaken to a global consciousness — to an awareness of the interconnectedness and interdependency of all of humanity, of all of life, as a unified global community — then the economic and social structures that flow forth from our collective wisdom will increasingly be based on a natural sense of generosity, cooperation, compassion and ecological sensibility.

As this spreading of expanded consciousness occurs, both our local and global economies, integrated and coordinated in a well-functioning holistic manner, will attain greater sustainability in that they will be truly adaptive and responsive to the ever-changing requirements of our evolving culture, our evolving global civilization and our evolving species.

Don Schneider
Pleasant Hill

WHAT A PARTY!

We, the Whiteaker Cocktail Society (WCS), would like to extend many thanks to all the contributors to the Whiteaker Block Party. From those who attended, to all those who had a hand in making it happen we thank you. We humbly declare this event to have been a new kind of Eugene celebration with its roots and heart a little closer to the community.

The block party was an event focused on showcasing the Whiteaker neighborhood, local musicians, artists and businesses. The event was held on Saturday, Aug. 18. The

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