

Something Eug!



them in zoos. Is it too late to save us from ourselves?

No, it is not. But we must become every one of us good stewards of the environment upon which our lives ultimately depend. Ours is an interesting planet. It deserves all the attention we can give it.

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HUMORLESS FRINGE

The recent cries of protest against "¡Ask a Mexican!"

contrary, the role of human beings in causing our planetary fever has been established scientifically with about the same degree of certainty as the role of alcohol in drunk-driving. We are altering the climate and toxifying the air, water, and soil to such degree that the present and future health of humans and of all earthly life is at growing risk.

Not content with having subdued nature, we are rapidly proceeding to beat it to a pulp. Such is the central conceit of our age: that the trees in the forest stand ready solely for us to cut them down, that the mountain peaks stand majestic solely for us to blast them flat, that the animals in the wild exist solely for us to put

have been sadly unsurprising. I expect the reaction from the right: "Illegals are ruining our nation!" What makes me sad is how I was also unsurprised by the knee-jerk offense expressed by the liberal white "Latino/a friends."

Arellano writes a smart, funny column and does not pull punches. He takes on the Minutemen-in-your-face racism as well as the liberal "some of my best friends are Mexicans" racism, and he does it with humor. Please don't let the humorless fringe groups convince you to drop this wonderful column.

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