



outdated in appearance, the floors, fans and light fixtures remain untouched. The café uses full spectrum energy efficient lighting. Ninety-five percent of the café was designed from recycled materials. This includes tables, booths, counters, displays, foliage, art and equipment. All glassware, bowls, cups and glasses are made from recycled glass purchased from local favorite Down to Earth. The café recycles all containers and coffee grounds and is in the process of implementing worm composting. Coffee cups and products are made with recycled post-consumer waste. Other packaging products are green.

Many items and specials are not available "to go" based on the environmental impact of the packaging. My greatest green commitment is in reducing as much soy in product as possible, with the exception of fermented soy. The World Wildlife Federation opposes soy due to rapid deforestation of rainforest for planting. Unknown to most, 90 percent of soy has been genetically modified by Monsanto to accept Liberty (RoundUp). This crop receives twice the amount of pesticide as others, killing beneficial micro-organisms and higher rates of groundwater pollution. Soy processing requires high petroleum use, bleaching, denaturing and the direct use of Hexane.

Most key base ingredients are organic. Our mocha is fair trade certified and 50 percent organic. The café makes regular purchases from The Kiva, Red Barn, Market of Choice, Bread Stop and more. As less waste permits, I will again try Le Petite Gourmet, New Day Bakery, Kekau and Sweet Life goodies.

*Norman Lent
Paradise City Cafe, Eugene*

ERNST FOR EWEB

If you supported the recent efforts to place the \$85 million EWEB Bond Measure on the Eugene ballot, please support EWEB Board candidate Joann Ernst, who seeks to unseat the incumbent in Wards 1 & 8. (Rich Cunningham, a candidate for Wards 6 & 7, also stated that he supported the EWEB bond measure being decided by voters.)

If Ernst is elected, it would send a clear message to the EWEB Board and the City

Council that the decision to build a \$85 million complex near Roosevelt and Beltline on top of wetlands (past and present) with public money, encouraging urban sprawl, as well as increasing your utility rates without a public vote, is not acceptable to you as owners of the publicly owned utility known as the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

*Shannon Wilson
Eugene*

FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

This election year, I have really tried to keep in mind when reviewing the various candidates for office last year's Supreme Court's decision that money is protected as a form of freedom of speech, granting the rich a strong mechanism for swaying our opinion during an election cycle. Using their dollars to sway public opinion to their point of view is now protected by law.

The current mayoral race for Eugene is a prime example of what I mean. Incumbent Kitty Piercy is being outspent 6-1 by Jim Torrey with TV ads, etc.

When I listened to Piercy talk to voters at a friend's house, I was totally aware of her humanness, her openness to talk about mistakes and success in her four years as mayor. She is not smooth, slick or know-it-all; she is accepting of all and I believe has been a mayor for all because she listens to her people. What comes off most is her humanness!

When I listen to Torrey, I hear above all the money behind him, speaking in slick programmed fireside chats over the dining table, concern for children, etc., but to me it doesn't come off as real. What I hear is moneyed interests trying to sway the votes their way.

My hope is that the money will not win out, that people will listen not only to the words, but feel the humanness behind the words, feel for the compassion that needs to be, especially in our city government. Government of, by and for US.

*Gene Okins
Eugene*

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