

Stay Strong

You can tell if you are still at war

Paul Reps once wrote, "Drinking a bowl of green tea, I stop the war." I wrote about an experience with a client called "Green Tea With Skinhead." The tea in question was echinacea and green tea, because he had a bit of a cold, and had a hangover. (Being gang raped by your anti-ZOG "homies" after drinking five 211's, and waking up having been rained on, with your pants down by your ankles, and abandoned in a backyard, can definitely ruin your fervor for RAHOWA (Racial HOLy War).



My problem, as I told him, was not with his beliefs, but that he wouldn't believe me because of my permanent excellent suntan, even though I was telling him the medically based truth. You need to go to detox, you need to get an AIDS test in about a month and a half.

He asked if there were any Jews at Buckley House? (I confess I lied when I said I didn't know). The problem is akin to what many of our students of color find working in health care in this town: Some people don't want to be touched or receive care by people with better tans than they have, even if it is therapeutic care. I've spoken with elite special ops veterans, with top secret clearances, who've applied for work with local law enforcement, only to receive sneers and static at the front desks of the city and county, ostensibly because of their excellent suntans being more significant than their extensive service to our country.

My students write of attempting to have a meal at a local chain restaurant on one of Eugene's main drags. The waitress seats a group of Skinheads next to them. Skinheads start making their usual racial, sexual remarks. Students reply back, Manager kicks the students out, not the skinheads, when the racial behavior is reported. You can be shot in church because of your perfectly legal medical activities. You can be shot at simply attending a National Museum to learn about an event that the shooter doesn't believe happened.

Sometimes you don't know you are at war when someone is at war with you. Or the war never actually stopped – because it's no longer the cavalry coming at you, but the settlers.

I recall the words of a Klan Wizard that "Lesbian Jew nurses in abortion clinics are killing white babies." The point is not whether his view is born out by actual fact, but that he and others believe white women are committing genocide by having abortions and race-mixing. Because it's war, doctors should be shot, abortion clinics bombed, crosses burned and nursing students and decorated veterans shunned by organizations who honor diversity. I don't propose simply sitting drinking green tea, deep breathing, or racism-stress-relieving yoga. Rather a skilled purposeful mindful response, in time of war, where you might not be able to count on allies. The cavalry and Lone Ranger ain't comin'. Know the lines of attack, think five moves ahead. Stay strong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAKING OUT THE BALLGAME

The Eugene Emeralds played the first game of what they are saying is their last season at Eugene's historic Civic Stadium on Saturday evening, June 20. More than 5,400 fans cheered loudly when the Ems' pitcher delivered the first pitch for a strike. We cheered even louder when the first Emeralds batter of the season hit a home run. At the seventh-inning stretch, we arose and sang in unison, with the old-growth timbers of historic Civic Stadium serving as a chorus riser.

Whom will those 5,000 fans cheer for next year? The new PK Park will only hold about half of them. But I doubt if the reduced seating capacity will be a problem. I have yet to talk to an Ems fan who plans to attend a game at 'ParKing lot' Park. It seems our loyalty is more to the venue than the team. The owners of the Ems need to understand this.

The Ems say they hope to open at PK Park next year, but they have yet to sign a lease with the Ducks. So now is the time to let them know you want them to stay at Civic Stadium. Let them know you want them to honor their lease with the 4J school district and stay one more year. Tell them that you think the Save Civic Stadium organization should be given the opportunity to succeed.

So now is the time to call, write or email the Eugene Emeralds and urge them to stay at Civic Stadium. Do it today; do it now. Because, like Yogi Berra said, it ain't over 'til it's over.

*Lonnie L McCulloch
Eugene*

BUILT TOO FAST

Now it's time for saving our forests from very wasteful U.S. building codes that require use of wood products from the clear-cutting of our wilderness habitats.

I am inspired to act, and I am researching building from "deep forest" analysis of building codes. These codes require overbuilding structures, costing too much while wasting vast human,

technological resources and forest habitats and creating wood products for approved structures under permits dominated by construction industry standards of safety. These standards, which deal with fire, wind, water, weather, wear and load bearing functions, are all designed to make more money for contractors, builders and suppliers of all (wasted) resources imported from nature and factories. It is similar to the farming industry.

Plus, the banks and lenders profit from loans to construct overbuilt structures for housing, people and more wasteful technology. It is technology that is planned to be obsolete and irreparable and that must be replaced by materials from distant factories. This process prevents owners from taking part in the building and fixing and allows only certified people to take part in these actions.

*Micheal Sunanda
Eugene*

TWO PLACES AT ONCE

The city is making a bid to move the police headquarters from the City Hall to a building out on Country Club Road. The argument is that the current office is too small and structurally unsound. The new building is up-to-code and reasonably priced — the city already saved up the money — but the opponents say it would move the police from downtown, making it more inaccessible and so on. Fair enough.

While watching this issue play out in local newspapers, editorials and news broadcasts I found myself shaking my head because the solution seems obvious to me. I even posed my solution to a friend to make sure it sounded reasonable and he agreed.

Why not move the main office to the nice, safe building and have a precinct office remain downtown in one of the many empty office buildings, like Center Court? Big cities do it. This way the police will remain a presence in town (for good or bad, depending on your experience with EPD), and they get the bigger place they have been saving up for. Great idea, my friend said,