

Legislators, stop spinning your wheels. They don't want to hear and will not be swayed by all the attempts to show them this is a good plan. It's a waste of your time and energy. The majority of Americans want health care reform, so the Democrats should just do it, any way they can. You cannot ever appease the yellers.

I am tired of hearing the town hall yellers and screamers. Everyone in the room should yell back for them to be silent and let the discussion continue.

*Diane DeVillers
Eugene*

GET UP, STAND UP

The Aug. 20 issue of *EW* was of special interest to me because the group I co-founded, The Pitchfork Rebellion, had a full page in that issue advertising our upcoming Rally to Save the Forest. I began thumbing through the issue and read an article so important that we are going to make it a featured element of our Mock Trial on Monsanto at our rally.

That article appeared in the Aug. 20 issue (see www.eugeneweekly.com). "Frankenfood" by Ken Roseboro shockingly documents how Monsanto has poisoned our local and national food production. What they have done with beets in our area they have also done with other crops all over the world to the detriment of our collective well being.

The time has come to do as Bob Marley advised and "Get up, stand up" stand up to Monsanto. To hear more about their evil antics locally and around the world, attend the Mock Trial of Monsanto at our Aug. 29 rally. As an enticement, I will reveal one of the penalties Monsanto will suffer in the street theater skit that I just completed composing.

That penalty? We will invite the attendees of the rally to endorse a proposal that we, here and now, begin a boycott and nonviolent war against produce grown in Oregon or imported into Oregon that has been grown with Round-Up Ready seed, starting with the Round-up Ready beets that were the subject of the "Frankenfood" article. I beg each of you reading these words to read that important article and support the cause of Philomath organic farmer Frank Morton.

*Day Owen
Triangle Lake*

THE BAND RESPONDS

This is in response to the letter (7/30) from Corona Hats, "Louder Not Better," detailing her disappointment in the Riverbank Path Promenade July 19. Her letter named our band, Common Ground, singling us out at several points for specific criticism. Unfortunately, Hats misstates the events of that afternoon. We are sorry that she came away from the Promenade disappointed, but we also wish to clear up several factual errors in her letter.

According to the Promenade event manager, Hats first approached him during one of our sets and asked if she could come up on stage and play some of her own songs. The event manager said "no," but told her that she was welcome to perform anywhere she chose along the entire length of the Promenade path. She then approached our band and asked the same question. We declined, because it was not our call to make last-minute changes to the Promenade performance schedule. Common Ground made a commitment to perform for the Promenade event that afternoon; it was our professional responsibility to follow through, and we did.

Hats said Common Ground was "A loud band that was there because of ego and money," which wholly misrepresents both our band and the Promenade event: Common Ground agreed to play the Promenade for free to show our support for this community, as we have done at other benefit concerts in the past.

It's great that she wants to share some of her own music with the community! We suggest that she consider attending some of the open mike nights at local music venues, or applying for a spot at events such as the Saturday Market, Folk Festival or Eugene Celebration.

*Lorin Hawley
Member of Common Ground*

OBSTRUCTING PROGRESS

When I read in Josh Schlossberg's (7/16) Viewpoint, "Pale Green Eugene: a forest activist leaves his chosen city," it felt like a punch in the gut. Schlossberg is a tireless advocate for the greater good. Not surprisingly, he used his wisdom and editorial space to discuss some of our major challenges/problems like clean air, climate change, sustainability and police corruption to hopefully inspire, educate



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