

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Southwestern desert with solar panels, thus turning it into a vast *dead zone*.

For a comprehensive cost analysis of solar power see <http://wkly.ws/2r>

Christopher Calder
Eugene

WACKY DUCK WORLD

I'm not a big Duck fan nor am I a consistent reader of *EW*. That I happened to pick up this latest issue (12/31) was one of those fun moments, when with a bit of time to myself and a good cup of coffee, I got transported by Rick Levin to that place I go when I'm really enjoying reading. Levin's straightforward look at the wacky world of Duck sports was the best description (and explanation) I've read in my 40-plus years as a Duck/Eugenean and a moderate sports fan. Rick Levin, you made my day. I'll be sure to pick up the *Weekly* more often.

Doug Handshaw
Eugene

OVERLOOKED

Thank you for highlighting many of the worthy organizations in your "Just Give It" cover story (12/24). I must admit, though, that I was a little surprised that there was no mention of the City of Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic in the Animal Rescue Groups section.

The Spay and Neuter Clinic has provided low-cost reproductive surgery to the public since its inception 31 years ago, and has played a critical role in reducing the number of unwanted animals in Lane County. For those Eugene residents who require further financial assistance, the clinic also has a voucher program which greatly reduces the cost of surgery, and gratefully accepts donations to this fund. The clinic also works closely with Lane County Animal Services to provide pre-adoption surgeries, and in fact neutered the kitten prominently displayed on your cover. By our estimation, more than 100,000 animals have been spayed and neutered at the City of Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic, making it the most significant contributor in the continuing

fight against pet overpopulation in Lane County.

We appreciate *EW*'s support for the animal welfare groups in our community, and hope that in the future, all organizations' efforts are recognized.

Dr. Marilyn Waters
City of Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic

LIBERAL FASCISM?

The recent brouhaha over the neo-Nazi mini-blitzing of UO and Eugene via the Pacifica Forum reveals a two-headed fascism. The idolizers of any ugly Third Reich ideology, though persistent in the Western world, are thoroughly contained in the U.S. by pro-Zionist governmental policies kowtowed to by both conservatives and liberals.

As for the other heads of this hydra, the Anti-Hate Task Force and like groups, including Eugene's Amy Pincus Merwin of Inform Media and author Joseph A. Leiber, represent a more pervasive liberalized fascism which is far more of a threat to our Bill of Rights. Anti-gun sentiment is rampant in Eugene, thanks in part to the *EW* and *The Register-Guard*, and is a threat to our Second Amendment rights. The anti-"hate speech" gang constitutes an equal threat to the First Amendment, even though it regularly gets its sanctimonious ass kicked in courts throughout the nation by the ACLU and most segments of the judicial system. Anti-hate speakers don't give up easily and are not deterred by the fact that no defensible definition for hate speech exists in any legal sense.

If these people ever succeed in rendering the Bill of Rights meaningless, hate thought will be their next target. Those who think such monitoring improbable don't know the hidden watchdog face of the imperial America in which we live.

John Hickam
Eugene

"JEWISH RACISM"

Your journal is entitled to give space to Michael Williams' latest attack (letters, 12/21) on the Pacifica Forum on behalf of the Anti-Hate Task Force. That's freedom



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