

**RESOURCE COLONY**

It is becoming ever more evident via the huge numbers of raw log hauling ships leaving Northwest ports or the huge inefficient forest incinerators proposed in Klamath Falls to profit California's private utilities that the ruling elite see Oregon and its people as just another first world resource colony.

Are we going to allow the super wealthy (and their cronies) to poison us with their herbicides and dehumanize us until we have nothing left but the shirts on our back, the food we can buy at Walmart, and an urban shack that we pay taxes to a super-wealthy class serving government?

Although this seems obvious, the people of Eugene or the entire Willamette Valley have this problem with coping with this reality. It seems that the dominant mindset is "keep one's head in the sand because if one doesn't think about all the problems that the super-wealthy class are creating by ruining our economy and the natural world that it all will just go away."

It seems that all species will fight for their survival if threatened but for some reason modern civilized people have not accepted the fact that we have a psychopath class that threatens us all.

*Shannon Wilson  
Eugene*

**CONCIOUS MEAT SOURCE**

I find your Chow section interesting and helpful but one thing I think is missing — a special section or classification for eateries which offer "conscious/free-range, hormone free meat." After being a vegetarian for almost 20 years I recently started eating occasional strictly "conscious meat," and a listing of all the places in Eugene I can eat out that offer this would be very useful.

I am tired of calling each restaurant before I want to try somewhere new to ask if they use free range meat or not, often only to find a person who doesn't know, and then they have to ask the manager, who isn't there, and maybe if I am lucky someone will call me back (often days

later, by which time it's too late). Some restaurants and cafes *only* provide this kind of meat but (surprisingly) don't advertise it — they should be celebrating this ethical and healthy choice and I'm sure would gain more customers because of it.

If I want to eat meat out, this is *the* deciding factor for me; I won't go if it isn't free-range and "natural" (antibiotic/hormone free). In a town like Eugene with many people who choose to make ethical consumer decisions this kind of "conscious meat providers" list would be a valuable guide. Please put one together!

*Chanah Hall  
Eugene*

**BETTER PLEDGE**

We are living in a global community, and we are entering a cycle where we will slowly be seeing an end to a long era of nationalism. The founding of the U.N. was an effort by global leaders to give recognition to the need for global cooperation. We may choose to pledge allegiance to our individual nations, but we are citizens of the world. Some years ago Lillian Gensler introduced a pledge in the U.N. that recognized our need to pledge allegiance to the planet. This pledge would be more appropriate to recite before our City Council meetings: "I pledge allegiance to the world, to cherish every living thing, to care for earth and sea and air, with peace and freedom everywhere."

*Christopher Michaels  
Eugene*

**LEAVE YOU SMILING**

Readers would be better served by listening to the opinion of the woman who sat behind Rick Levin at the Cottage Theatre's production of *The Boys Next Door* than to listen to Levin himself (6/16 review).

If nothing else, Scott McWilliams as Arnold and Acilles Massahos as Norman put a smile on your face that lasted long enough to ensure that you're glad you didn't miss this delightful theatrical gem.

*Gerald Morsello  
Eugene*

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