

still a indoor track proposal that the UO Foundation would like to find a site for. The City Council and mayor need to get feedback from the community opposing this street sale and closure/ privatization proposal as soon as possible. The last day to get input considered before they vote on approving this sale is Dec. 3. Call the local TV newsrooms and ask them why they have refused to cover this UO land banking news story (and the recent city of Eugene deliberations surrounding it).

*Zachary Vishanoff
Eugene*

FOLK OVER RACISM

I prefer punk rock myself, but I would rather listen to New Age folksingers than the racist caricature of African musicians that Matt Watkins shared with us in his letter (11/17) about KLCC. Far from clever, his words revealed either ignorance or prejudice, and there is no excuse for the first or the second.

*Ryan Foote
Eugene*

IN PRAISE OF MUSIC

Being a long time listener and supporter of public radio in Eugene (KLCC/ KRVM) I have read with interest and concern the past month's letters regarding recent changes in KLCC's lineup. Like Elizabeth Figueroa (11/10) I do not necessarily like every program that KLCC airs, but I respect their attempt to please their diverse listeners and contributors. KLCC serves as

my primary news source (NPR) but, unlike her and Matt Watkins (11/17), music is the strongest draw that keeps bringing me back to the station. I do not believe that I am in the minority.

KLCC is the only public radio station that offers such a diverse music agenda including informing their audience of who they just heard. While an iPod may permit folks to listen to tunes they are familiar with, KLCC continues to surprise me with new musicians and songs that serves to broaden my musical interests. There is no other station like it! The majority of public radio stations have gone the way of talk radio. I mourn their loss. I hope KLCC does not follow their footsteps. If it does our community will have lost a valuable asset, and I will have lost a radio station and friend.

*Dennis Griffin
Corvallis*

NEUTER NUTRIA

We are told that nutrias, brought here years back for their fur, as a non-native species, are causing damage. They breed rapidly. They must be killed. Around our "compassionate" city of Eugene, the nutrias are trapped in live traps. The traps are then immersed underwater, so eventually, these water creatures unable to come up for air, drown. What a horrible, unforgiveable way to kill. And why kill? Why not take these trapped creatures to the shelter, as is done with feral cats, neuter and release? Why not

prove, through such simple humanity, that ours is a compassionate city, respecting the living creatures around us in all their forms?

*Joan Dobbie
Eugene*

DEFAZIO'S 'TRUST'

Ever since government came to its senses and realized we can't go on extracting resources from our public lands forever and without limit, wealthy timber companies and their rich owners have been looking for a way to sidestep existing regulations and nullify the barely adequate environmental safeguards we have in place, so they can go on exploiting public forests and make more millions just like they did in the '60s, '70, and '80s.

Currently, Congressman DeFazio is considering the idea of allocating one half of Oregon's BLM lands to a "trust" dedicated for commercial harvest. This is just another attempt by timber barons to coerce government into opening up public lands in the Coast Range to more logging because they have already depleted their own holdings to the point where they aren't profitable enough to satisfy their greed.

*Reed Wilson
Corvallis*

WIRELESS MESH

Oh, EWEB how far you have come — maybe not. Ugly building spread out on acres of land; meanwhile, brownfields

near the rail yards go unused. Wait, you're a public-user supported company, a co-op so to speak. Next it's the wireless noise of thousands of smart meters.

So let's rethink this. A) If you're going to provide thousands of wire transmission devices why not simply and for a lower cost put a 5ghz wireless transmitter, with a digital pulse reader on the existing meter and then create a regionwide wireless mesh (like a spider web) giving customers faster than European/Asian internet performance for \$9.95 a month or less. The emergency services could use this network as a backup in the event of a major cataclysmic event. Or B) use the actual light to create a 1,000 times faster network that uses light waves. See <http://wkly.ws/14w>

It's all energy, wireless or wires, competition, gives Eugene a technology upgrade. The device would cost half what they are currently purposing, and new technology jobs and opportunities would grow from the seeds.

Let make something great for us all. Email wirelessinternetforall@gmail.com

*Mike M. McCallum
Eugene*

A VITAL PROGRAM

I am writing this letter to state my concern about the recent closure of the Lane County Boys and Girls Club. This program was a vital asset to so many families in our community. It is these types of programs that give adolescents and children appropriate outlets for social interaction, as well as

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