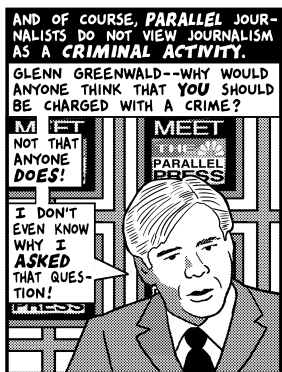
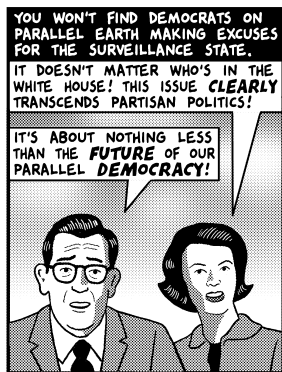
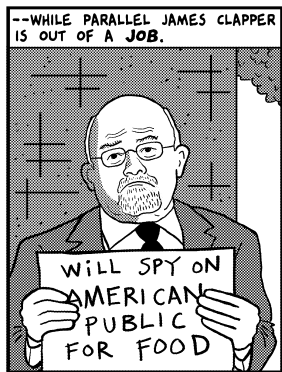
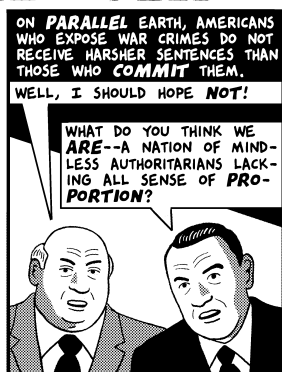
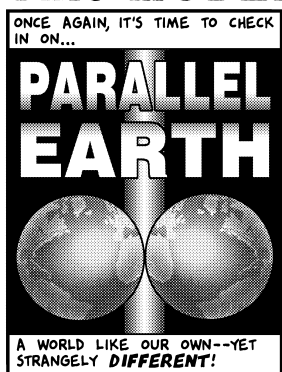


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to creating a law to protect the local food system. Lastly, corporate rights and seed patents are two of the largest threats to our local food system, and must be frontally challenged to protect our local farmers' ability to grow food free from corporate interference.

Unless Lane County and other Willamette Valley communities claim their right to local self-government in order to dismantle rampant corporate rights that now take precedent over our well-being, we are simply powerless to protect our local food system. Industrial agriculture and its accompanying GMO seed patents threaten our local farmers' ability to grow local food that relies on uncontaminated natural systems to flourish.

The proposed ordinance protects our local food system. Our existing natural and legal systems require a complex initiative to meet this single objective.

Ann B. Kneeland
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OUR NATURAL DEBT

Aug. 20 marked an event of global importance that was not covered by local media. It was Earth Overshoot Day 2013. It's the date, estimated every year by the Global Footprint Network, by which the human species "consumes all the renewable resources and the CO2 sequestration that this planet can supply for an entire year." This means that the current human demands on our environment are not sustainable. Each generation of us is not leaving the world a better place for our children. We are not even leaving it the same. We are constantly degrading and eliminating the natural resources that will provide the standard of living for future generations.

Earth Overshoot Day has occurred about three days earlier each year for the past 20 years. The GFN estimates that "our demand for renewable ecological resources and the services they provide are now equivalent to that of more than 1.5 Earths." This demand will increase to two Earths by mid-century.

Some folks rant about the "national

debt" and how it's a shame and disgrace to burden future generations with it. Much more real and urgent is the natural debt. You can't print more water or grow the atmosphere.

Jere C. Rosemeyer
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WRONG DIRECTION

We Oregonians have a responsibility to care for our forests now and into the future. Today we face the daunting challenges of climate change, pollution and species extinction. The plans put forward by Rep. Peter DeFazio and Sen. Ron Wyden to clearcut 1.5 million acres of our public forests without essential protections are the exact opposite direction to go. There is misleading information that all the old-growth forests will be protected. This is not true; old growth will be cut and these older trees sequester more carbon than younger trees. Six of the top 10 carbon-storing forests in the U.S. are in Oregon. Privately owned forests are carbon neutral, which means they do not sequester more carbon than the carbon released by the massive clearcutting. We should increase the timber harvest tax to raise revenue.

What do the best independently funded forest biologists say about these plans? A recent bipartisan Pew poll found Oregonian's top priorities are to protect public lands and water. It would be nice for our representatives to work for the citizens. It seem to me this clearcut legislation is a payback to Big Timber.

Pamela Driscoll
Dexter

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

The good ol' boys crowned Liane, an agenda for pursuing/ Any that opposed them, had lawsuits soon ensuing.

Investigations, backroom deals, the costs just kept accruing/ The cronies got the favors, taxpayers got the screwing.

Liane was ruled by hubris, it proved as her undoing/ The county gov. has a stench that did not come from pooing.

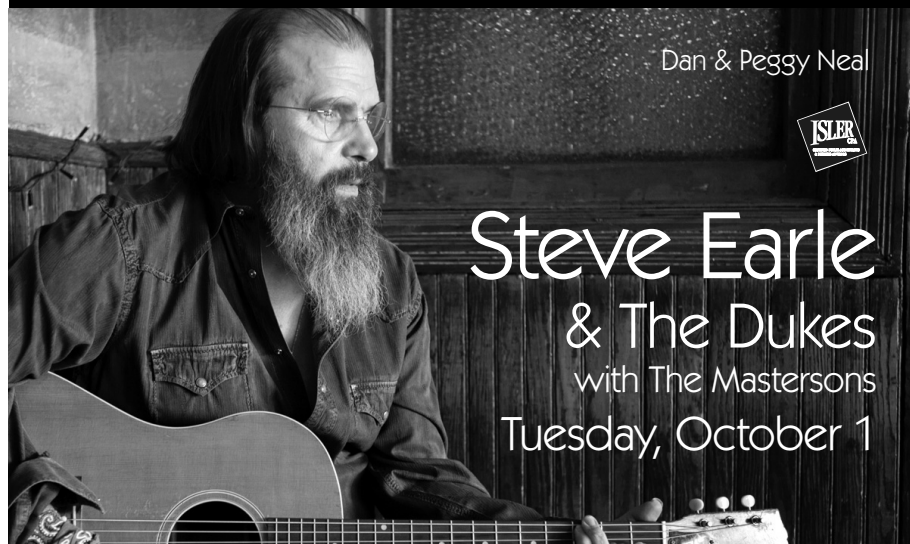
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