

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



ago to the nation's third-largest grocery conglomeration. They are not seeking the site to benefit our citizens but rather for corporate profit at the expense of numerous home-owned businesses.

I believe that the 4J School Board has a moral obligation to honor and abide by the original gift of trust to them.

Robert England
Eugene

MAKE IT STOP

The Lane County Board's chronic governance inattentiveness hurts us all. During the depth of our county's latest foray toward becoming a sacrifice zone, the Lane County commons' residents made it abundantly clear that our sheriff's services are a key driver of resident satisfaction.

In 2011, as part of its Strategic Plan, the Board of Commissioners established 16 percent and 20 percent fetal/infant mortality and substantiated child maltreatment rate reductions by 2017. The commission, as our sole policy-making entity, asked for and received an actionable plan for both public health and public safety improvements.

On Dec. 17, the acting director of Lane County's Health and Human Services received unanimous approval to borrow up to \$2 million from reserve funds to help ameliorate the staffing cuts outlined in Saul Hubbard's Dec. 27 R-G story, "County Cuts Health Staff." The approximately 15.5 FTE health staff cuts reported in that piece is a material breach of the 2012-17 Strategic Plan — thus, as of late December 2013, Lane County's accountability for the health and welfare of its current and future generation of residents.

Promise is recognizable in name only. When are we going to make this stop?

Jose Ortal
Blue River

USEFUL WORK

Regarding "I Dream of Eugene" [12/26]: I especially liked Lauren Regan's response. I think it would be good for the whole community to help people who

are not able to support themselves and in exchange have them perform work that would support and improve the community which we all share — not just homeless people but people who are unemployed or underemployed.

Regan says her idea is based on a Los Angeles program. It is also a central position of the Green Party.

Georgette Silber
Eugene

WILL WE EVER LEARN?

The hope is we learn from past mistakes. The Columbia River was once teeming with salmon that indigenous people caught sustainably and they were among the wealthiest populations in the Northwest. When Indo-Europeans discovered the bounty, they brought in machinery, catching more fish than the natives. In the mid 1800s, canneries were built along the river where excess fish could be preserved and shipped off to be sold elsewhere.

It wasn't long before there was an alarming decrease in the numbers of Columbia River salmon. In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt noted that the salmon runs on the Columbia were a fraction of what they had been 25 years prior. With the building of dams and pollution from nuclear waste, the fish are further endangered.

Fast forward to today when less than 3 percent of Oregon's native forests are uncut, and our astute politicians, Sen. Wyden, Rep. DeFazio and Gov. Kitzhaber, are about to sell off that small percentage to the timber industry to be harvested and shipped to China, leaving nearby communities in the wake of mudslides and pollution from herbicides sprayed on the devastated land. When will they ever learn?

Mika Scott
Eugene

BRING IT HOME

My dream for Eugene [cover story, 12/26] is to whack the waste. When satellites take images of this region at

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A Tribute to Sonny Boy Williamson II
Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout 2014
Friday, January 17

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The Carl Woideck
Jazz Heritage Project

Stormy Weather
The Music of Harold Arlen
featuring Halie Loren
Saturday January 18

Coming to The Shedd

(full, updated listing at theshedd.org)

- 1.17 Blues Harmonica Blowout 2014
- 1.18 Woideck: Stormy Weather w/ Loren
- 1.25 Moombah! It Could Always Be Worse!
- 2.1 Mamo: N. Aweau & J. Peterson
- 2.7 Ken Peplowski: Bix & Hoagy
- 2.8 Boz Scaggs (Hult)
- 2.13-20 The Jazz Kings: Give Me A Song
- 2.19 Brian Blade Fellowship
- 2.20 Keb' Mo'
- 2.21 Cécile McLorin Salvant
- 2.22 Dan Tepfer
- 2.25 Grace Kelly
- 2.27 Mike Marshall & Chris Thile
- 3.1 Pat Metheny Unity Group
- 3.4 Väsen
- 3.5 Wynton Marsalis & JLCO (Hult)
- 3.8 Moombah! Tina's Latin Cantina!
- 3.13 Manis & Vik: You Are Too Beautiful
- 3.19 Hanneke Cassel
- 3.27 Solas
- 4.4-6 Siri Mix (Shedd cabaret)
- 4.26 The Ungar-Mason Family Band
- 5.7-11 The Jazz Kings: Besame Mucho
- 5.7 Carl Burnett (Hult)
- 5.9 Steve Martin w/ Edie Brickell (Hult)
- 5.19 CMA: An Evening with Guy Few
- 5.31 Moombah! Skyscraper Caper!
- 6.11 CM: Looking Back Lane County
- 6.12 Dave Douglas Quintet
- 6.19-29 Musical: Oh, Kay! (1924, Gershwins)

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