

Valley samples, cause and/or have a high correlation with endocrine disruption, reproductive problems and neurological disorders.

State agencies must be held accountable and pesticide laws need to be re-evaluated to protect human health.

Carla Hervet, R.N., M.S.
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GIVE OREGON A RAISE

The Seattle mayor recently announced a plan to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. The plan is a product of a 24-member committee and enjoys strong support from the business community, labor leaders and city lawmakers.

Oregon cities currently lack the power to legislate a living wage. There appears to be a growing interest in changing that next session. However, there's no reason that Gov. Kitzhaber and the state Legislature can't craft a similar plan.

I've contacted the governor numerous times inquiring about his position on this issue. Is he happy with the status quo, where millions of full-time workers aren't paid enough to make ends meet and require government assistance? His staffers continue to claim they have no knowledge of the governor's opinion. I hope the governor will change his mind and demonstrate some real leadership on this vital issue.

Raising the minimum wage to a living wage would lift thousands out of poverty and off government assistance, stimulating the economy, creating opportunity and prosperity. Ultra-rich corporate welfare queens like Walmart, whose low-wage employees require government assistance, don't deserve to be subsidized by taxpayers.

Prices of some products and services will go up. I saw one study that found if Walmart paid their lowest paid employees a living wage they would only have to raise their prices marginally. Regardless of the variable price increases, the right thing to do is to pay the worker a living wage and empower them to make their own consumer choices.

Joshua Welch
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HOMELESS PETS, TOO

As upsetting as the eviction of the Whoville homeless camp in Eugene was, I do believe our community needs to be just as enraged about another homeless issue. This issue is the homeless dogs and cats in our community, but sadly instead of just being evicted they are murdered for not having a home. Every day both dogs and cats in Lane county are being killed

just because they don't have a family that cares.

The first and most important thing we can ALL do to help save innocent life is to spay and neuter. For every puppy or kitten that is born and sold, one homeless dog or cat is being murdered. We have low cost spay and neuter clinics such as WAG, Eugene city, Veneta Veterinary Hospital, and I am sure there are more.

The other way we can all help stop the homeless pet problems are to not buy a dog or cat, adopt. Eugene and surrounding areas have great rescue groups. When you adopt from most of these groups the pet you adopt is spayed or neuter, has had some if not all of their shots and may have a microchip. This is a great way to save a life.

I call to you all to help save homeless dogs and cats and stop the senseless murder of them just because they don't have a place to call home.

Jennifer King
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MISSING GENRE?

Hello Eugene Public Library. I'm concerned about the Friends of the Library bookstore called Second Hand Prose. There is no section for metaphysical, New Age, meditation or modern spirituality books.

On three different occasions (and with three different volunteers) when I inquired as to where to find it I was met with coldness. I felt like I'd walked into a Christian Bookstore and asked for the Devil's home phone number. They pointed to "Self Help" and "Religion" and said that's all they have. But nothing — not a single book on this hugely popular topic.

A town like Eugene would have all manner of books donated to it by patrons. But this topic is nowhere to be seen and not one makes it to the shelves. I inquired (I thought humorously) if when they get those books, do they just throw them away? That's when it got very uncomfortable. I didn't get a straight answer but I didn't get a "no" either. Maybe they should inform patrons not to donate that genre because books will be trashed unless they are straight Christian or scientific materialism.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We checked with the library and were told by Customer Experience Manager LaVena Nohrenberg that Second Hand Prose does have a "Religion/ Spirituality" section that includes more than Christianity, but there's not much in it because those topics are very popular in Eugene. Got books to donate? Call 848-1452 or visit friendseugenelibrary.org.

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