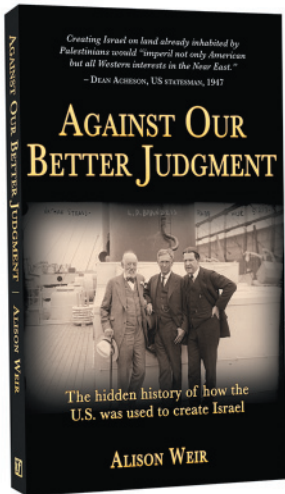


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Natalie Whitson
 Eugene

OPPOSITION IS BIGOTRY

There certainly has been no shortage of comments since the Whole Foods name was mentioned, anywhere from “It’s a local job killer and corporate weasel” to “good for downtown businesses” and “What’s the big deal? Don’t like it, don’t shop there.”

I feel the oddest comment I’ve read was in the May 1 EW where you have the Kiva, Sundance and Market of Choice as local and in the same sentence.

I wonder if when MoC opened stores in Ashland and Corvallis if the Ashland Food Co-op and First Alternative Co-op didn’t view the MoC entry into their city as a large out-of-towner harming their businesses and not a good fit for their cities’ character.

The Kiva is in the best place it’s ever been with the bus station and nearby student housing. Sundance customers wouldn’t be caught dead in Whole Foods. Though small, MoC is a corporation.

I feel the strong opposition to Whole Foods is simply bigotry and that the issues around the city lot and sale of alleys is best left to land use and permit criteria.

Don French
 Eugene

BLOOD IN THE WATER

The Department of Environmental Quality just released a pre-enforcement notice that it sent to Christopher Bartels doing business as Bartels Packing for discharging blood wastes to Fern Ridge Reservoir, wastes that are hazardous to health and pose a risk of “significant environmental harm.” Bartels, our local slaughterhouse, was fined over \$15,000 for similar violations last June. In fact, they have been cited and fined several times for over the last 10 years. Between 1998 and 2008 alone there were nine complaints of non-compliance and fines, largely unpaid. Since then there have been more, including these most recent charges.

This is something to consider when choosing to eat animals, in particular locally raised animals, most of them ending their lives on the killing floor of Bartels. There are, of course, the humane considerations of the horrors animals endure during the process of slaughter, but if that isn’t incentive enough to give up eating animal flesh, then the continuing, blatant damage done to our watershed by Bartels, supported by irresponsible food choices, cannot be ignored by anyone with an environmental conscience.

Diana Huntington
 Eugene

CYCLING FOR VETS

I read with interest the “Let’s Roll: Enjoy the Great Outdoors with Eugene’s Many Community Bike Rides” story by Sarah Hagy May 22. I’d like to share with you information about our Cycling for Veterans (CV) group that wasn’t included in that article.

CV is a weekly after-work ride for veterans, especially disabled veterans, their friends and families held at 5:30 pm every

Tuesday, May through September, starting at Maurie Jacobs Park off Fir Lane off River Road, here in Eugene. These rides are free. This is our third year.

CV is a program of the city of Eugene Adaptive Recreation designed to improve health and wellness and to promote camaraderie between veterans, their friends and family members over the age of 18. This is less than 12 mph ride, we leave no one behind and ride as a group so we can support one another. Also, veterans needing adaptive cycles are encouraged to call Patty Prather, city of Eugene Adaptive Recreation, at 682-5311.

This year CV is also hosting monthly training rides throughout the summer as a way to prepare for the VA MOVE Trophy at the Cycle Umpqua ride Sept. 6. The next training rides are the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway Veterans Ride June 28, The Row River Trail ride July 12, the Blackberry bRamble Aug. 3, the Eugene Celebration Parade Ride Aug. 23 and the VA MOVE Trophy competition at Cycle Umpqua Sept. 6.

These are also training rides for Team Oregon disabled veterans selected to participate in the National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic (NVSSC) held in September. Patty Prather, city of Eugene Adaptive Recreation, is also the coach for the Team Oregon attending the NVSSC.

Feel free to contact me at 337-3710.

Ree McSween
 Cycling for Veterans, Eugene

WRETCHED HIGHWAYS

I am happy to see that there will finally be improvements made to the Beltline between Coburg Road and River Road!

From home to work I have to navigate Delta Highway, avoid vehicles coming onto Delta off Beltline then try to make my way onto the Beltline. I travel at 8:30 am and have many times barely made it onto the highway, narrowly missing logging trucks and other fast-moving vehicles. I am only on both wretched highways for 10 minutes but it is incredibly stressful.

I’m not educated in the logistics of highway safety, but I don’t believe the lights that were installed on the on-ramps help because traffic is congested and still moving too fast to merge at times. My greatest hope during this decision-making time and development is that the speed limit will be reduced at all times.

I ask drivers to *slow down*, be aware and allow traffic to get onto these highways safely! We’ve all been on those awful on-ramps and know how it feels to try to navigate without getting into an accident. And to those people who honk at me or tailgate when I slow down to allow a vehicle onto the highway: Back off!

Monika Barry
 Eugene

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