

support laws penalizing the use of God's marijuana.

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THE 1% SOLUTION

In December 2011, I proposed the following amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

The U.S. shall have 1 percent ownership of each and every copyright and patent issued and registered by the U.S. government. The ownership shall be limited to the pre-tax gross revenues generated by any and all uses of that which is protected by U.S. copyright and patent law, and all such ownership shall be without exception. All revenues earned from such ownership shall be used to fund the free public education guaranteed to citizens by law, with all revenues from patents supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education exclusively and all revenues from copyrights supporting either Arts and Humanities education or Physical Education and Health education exclusively according to the general categories that create the revenues (i.e. computer-related patents support computer science education, music copyrights support music arts education, sporting event copyrights support physical education, and so forth).

My analysis concludes that my proposed amendment would generate \$100 billion per year "to fund the free public education guaranteed to citizens by law,"

and that the Eugene share of that funding would be approximately \$49.41 million per year, which is more than six times the funding that would generate from the local option levy (Measure 20-222).

To scrutinize my analysis, read the 18-post thread beginning at wkly.ws/1tk.

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HEART OF THE WHIT?

Michael Life, who submitted a letter in the Sept. 25 issue, really needs to get a life. I really doubt he reflects the opinions of this eclectic and diverse neighborhood. Apparently the lines have been drawn and those who attempt to cross it will have to deal with a jerk like Mr. Life.

John Carlson
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SHERIFF HAS A TANK

With reference to Vince Loving's letter last week [9/25] about our city's need for six Hummers to keep parity with Ferguson, Missouri: Fear not! If things get really bad with the Brewery Cartel we can seek the assistance of the Lane County Sheriff's Department which has a green camouflaged armored personnel carrier also known as an urban tank. I know as I saw it a couple of weeks ago leaving Delta Highway and heading down the Beltline. Why we are in possession of this weapon of mass destruction is quite beyond me, but Vince should take heart.

Peter Tildesley
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INDIRECT CRUELTY

Chuck Kleinhans ["Silence of the Lambs" letter, 9/18] made a good point regarding the lack of ethical difference between eating veal or lamb. The same applies to chicken nuggets, tuna sandwiches, cheese slices, omelets, etc. All involve cruelty and the killing of animals far short of their natural lifespans.

For every hen suffering inside the undeniably abusive egg industry, an almost equal number of "useless" roosters have their lives snuffed out, usually the same day they hatch.

In order for milk to be produced, a female must give birth, and the mammary fluids meant to feed her baby are instead stolen for human consumption. Within a day or two, the babies are usually traumatically separated from their mothers to become either veal, meat, or "milk-machines," replacing worn-out females who have been repeatedly inseminated and forced to give birth; these "spent" mothers are normally killed for low-grade meat products.

What Chuck didn't mention is that while tofu production does unfortunately involve the indirect, unintended killing of wildlife when fields are ploughed for soybeans, the vast majority of soybeans and corn harvested is actually fed to farmed animals. So, anyone eating animal products is eating both directly plus indirectly killed animals. A vegan is responsible for far less animal suffering, overall.

The new documentary *Cowspiracy*

addresses the many far-reaching, incredibly destructive effects of animal agriculture. It will be playing for one night only, Oct. 9, at the Bijou. See wkly.ws/1tl for further information.

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LABELING CREATES DATA

After reading the article [9/4] about biologist Michael Hansen's support of Measure 92, it is clear that the argument surrounding GMOs is lacking consensus. As of right now, the debate over GMOs should not be based on whether they are good or bad. Before we begin to understand the effects of GMOs, we first have to know how much they're being consumed. Without any type of labeling system in place here in the U.S., it is harder to tell who is eating GMOs and in what quantity.

What Measure 92 boils down to then is simply knowledge. Not only does it give consumers the right to know what is in their food, but it also gives scientists and researchers the ability to run better experiments. Therefore, the first step towards GMO research is GMO labeling. Until GMOs are labeled, we may never truly understand their effects here in the United States.

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