

way, is global in its breadth and depth and bids fair to take life and health with it on a grand scale. June's expensive home systems are a ludicrous monument to the very destruction of the planet that its promoters claim to resist.

"No more fumbling in the dark to turn on the hall light." Fumbling in the dark anyone?

John Zerzan
Eugene

STOP STALLING

I am a local dog rescue and citizen and I'm mad! I'm appalled that I have to spend my money to save the community's dogs that Greenhill turns away, but they are happy to take my family's tax dollars.

I also am very upset that the rescue people (that do Greenhill's job) are having to spend more time and money for attorneys and a DA to receive public records!

I demand immediately that Greenhill/First Avenue Shelter, county contracted, make public records public. Today. Stop stalling.

Robyn Broadbent
Springfield

VAX MISINFORMATION

Please allow me to clear up some of the misinformation you printed in Slant March 5. Oregon does not have the highest percentage of unvaccinated kindergartners in the nation! That 7 percent is misleading information used to scare people. Where are you getting your "facts," EW?

Listen to this: If a kindergartner is vaccinated, they have received all 30 or so of the CDC-recommended shots except for one — say they are missing one of the four polio shots — then that child is considered "unvaccinated." If you compare the real numbers, you can see for yourself that Oregon's vaccination rates on every mandated shot meet or exceed national averages, according to the CDC. Oregon is not in a state of "emergency" as SB 442 declares.

SB 442 applies to all state-licensed schools public, private and childcare facilities.

You want to talk about parents' flawed research? How about reporting on Merck's flawed research? EW, your mission is "to boldly question prevailing wisdom and authority." We beg you to do some serious journalism on this issue. At the very least, do not regurgitate government or corporate propaganda.

SB 442 is an erosion of our personal rights and our freedom to make medical choices!

Stacey Black
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to the Centers for Disease Control's 2013-2014 vaccination coverage, among children in kindergarten, Oregon's rate of exemption was 7.1 percent.

NOTHING TO HIDE?

Greenhill is the custodian of the records for First Avenue, a public shelter, run by taxpayer money (\$500,000 a year).

Please note that whether or not Greenhill Humane Society is a "public body" subject to disclosure of this information, Oregon Public Records Law is not based on being a governmental entity, nor is it based on the form of incorporation of Greenhill, but rather on the "character of that entity and the nature and attributes of that entity's

relationship to government" (see *Marks v. McKenzie High School* fact-finding team, Oregon Supreme Court Case, 1994). "[N]ongovernmental groups performing duties at the request of a governmental body" are considered public bodies under the law, especially when the function of the nongovernmental group is "traditionally associated with government."

Yes, Greenhill is a private nonprofit, but according to the Oregon Supreme Court, since 1994, that does not matter. It's highly suspicious that Greenhill has been fighting this transparency so hard for three years, ignoring this Oregon Supreme Court ruling (and others). It is unfortunate that in order to get Greenhill management to comply

with the law, we had to hire an attorney. Their self-proclaimed undocumented reports are truly meaningless. Their save rate is meaningless as long as they are putting to death adoptable/treatable animals, which they do. Nonprofits with nothing to hide, hide nothing.

Tamara Barnes
Eugene, No Kill Lane County

DEATH TRAP FOR BIRDS

The King Estate perches over Territorial Road near Lorane like a bird of prey admiring its domain. Proclaiming it's the biggest contiguous organic vineyard in the world, they boast that "our large property

and highly diverse habitats are the perfect place for birds to regain their strength."

I recently attended a workshop in the Vineyard Pavilion sponsored by the Eugene Friends of Jung called "Madness and Buddhist Compassion." The notice said: "What the world often considers 'success' and 'triumph' is, from another perspective, sheer madness." As we listened intently, a pair of robins crashed into the windows.

I had mentioned to staff that the building's design was a deathtrap for migrating birds. It has spotless, wrap-around, sliding glass doors. Looking dismayed, an employee replied, "One was dead when we arrived." The pavilion is designed to show off the vineyards.

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