



that point either.”

Scott Beckstead, Oregon director for the Humane Society of the United States, says that “HSUS remains committed to the idea wild horses need to be managed on the range, and roundups need to stop.” He says it’s time that the BLM “gets serious” about using fertility control on the horses.

Bogardus says 60 stallions and 40 mares will be allowed to remain at Beaty’s Butte. The mares will be periodically gathered and treated with Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP), a 22-month anti-fertility vaccine.

Deniz Bolbol of the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign alleges that by allowing the horse numbers to build up on the range and in holding facilities, the BLM is “intentionally creating a crisis on and off the range and trying to set up the stage to have the horses in holding sent to slaughter.”

According to Bolbol, the round up is being conducted to make room for cattle grazing, an accusation the BLM has denied. She observed some of the gather and says the areas she was in did not look overgrazed.

“The very foundation of public lands management is unfair,” Bolbol says, criticizing the low fees private ranchers pay to graze their cattle on public lands, including those shared by wild horses.

The AWHPC says that the “Beaty’s Butte Grazing Association — including its president — market their beef

through a cooperative called Country Natural Beef, which is a major provider of beef to Whole Foods Market,” and alleges that the round up is in response to pressure from the grazing association. Bolbol says the wild horse group is asking Whole Foods to “adopt a mustang-safe policy” for its meats.

Michael Silverman, a spokesman with Whole Foods Market, says, “This is a complex issue, and we believe that the best way to reach a compromise is for the activists, ranchers and government officials involved on the ground to meet face-to-face to ensure all sides are heard and that all parties can collaborate on a solution.”

Silverman says that Whole Foods also encourages people to express their concerns to the BLM. — *Camilla Mortensen*

BABB SHOOTING INVESTIGATION FLAWED

Since the day Brian Babb was shot by a member of the Eugene Police Department, the veteran’s family has questioned the events and policies that led to Babb’s death.

However, Eugene’s police auditor Mark Gissiner says a flawed report by the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team (IDFIT) means the family still doesn’t have closure, and indicates to Gissiner that the way

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- “**Growing our Local Food Economy Part II**” is the topic at City Club of Eugene noon Friday, Nov. 20, at the Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette. This program looks at “exploring mixed-use land use for the food industry” and speakers include Jason Lafferty, Shawn Donille, Terri Harding and Melissa Fery. One issue to be discussed is the city’s proposed expansion of the urban growth boundary to create industrial lands — which could be used for food processing facilities. An earlier City Club program on this topic looked at broad economic opportunities surrounding our local food economy. \$5 for non-members.

- **Taste of Climate Justice** is an informal event focusing on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s role in climate crisis at 5 pm Friday, Nov. 20, at Ninkasi Tasting Room, 272 Van Buren. Speakers will include Michael Carrigan, Ron Unger, David Oaks and Michael Hejazi. Find the event on Facebook or email davidwoaks@gmail.com.

- **Aloha Friday** this month will commemorate the Japanese-American heroes of World War II from 6 to 7:30 pm Friday, Nov. 20, at Cozmic, 199 W. 8th Ave. The event features short videos, discussion and koto music by Mitsuki Dazai. Free, donations accepted. Find Aloha Friday on Facebook or call 689-2094.

- The ASUO Women’s Center annual **Womxn of Color Retreat and Allyship Symposium** is planned for all day Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Living Learning Center and Knight Law School on campus. The theme this year is “Decolonizing our Minds, Bodies and Souls,” and keynote speakers include Cory Lira and Ada Ball. RSVP at diversitywc@gmail.com.

- A vigil to close the **School of the Americas (SOA)** to coincide with the national protest in Fort Benning, Georgia, will be at 3 pm Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, 8th and Oak. The SOA has been renamed, but the U.S. training center continues to militarize repressive regimes in Latin America. The day before, a “Close the SOA” benefit concert featuring In Accord choir and singer Tom Rawson will be at 7 pm Saturday at Wellsprings Friends School, 3590 W. 18th Ave. Suggested donation of \$5 to \$15 but no one will be turned away.

- Fish biologist Jeff Ziller, former ODFW district biologist, will talk on “**Chinook Salmon in the Coast Fork Willamette — Past, Present and Future**” at a Holiday Science Pub event from 5 to 9 pm Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. The evening will also feature a showing of the movie *Upriver: A Film for the Willamette* by Freshwaters Illustrated. Suggested donation \$10. A silent auction will be held in support of the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council.

- Details of the **Trans-Pacific Partnership** were finally released last week and can be found at ustr.gov/tpp. Sen. Ron Wyden is inviting Oregonians to share their views on the massive trade agreement at tpcomments@wyden.senate.gov.

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