

THIS MODERN WORLD

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1) Learn more. Respect yourself enough to look further than the TV news and sources that are allied with corporate interests.

2) Draw your own conclusions. Even if we disagree on the cause/nature of climate change, we must start talking about it and acting on any points of agreement.

3) Find ways you can lower your family's contribution to climate change. Enjoy the positive side effects of being a more conscious consumer.

4) Most importantly, go to the root of the problem. Look to organizations such as Friends of the Earth, 350.org or Sierra Club for information and support. Vote!

Klein writes that climate change is "a civilization wake-up call — spoken in the language of fires, floods, droughts and extinctions — telling us we need an entirely new economic model and a new way of sharing this planet. Telling us that we need to evolve."

Sandy Holder and members of the 1/2 and 1/2 book group Eugene

ARE YOU WITH ME?

I am a Muslim. I am a Jew. I am a Catholic. I am a Protestant. I am a Buddhist. I am a Hindu. I am an atheist. I am a deist. I have no theology. I embrace all theologies.

I am a young woman. I am an old man. I am neither. I am a young man. I am an old woman. I am neither. I stand with anyone who is not an asshole.

What is your name? Are you with me? Or, not.

Robert Pinger Eugene

DAMNED PANHANDLERS

I am totally sick and tired of the Eugene panhandlers. I am tired of the city of Eugene actively supporting and encouraging these panhandlers. This has to stop. The panhandlers I am referring to are the development entities begging

for 10-year Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPE) waivers that the city willingly provides, while wringing its hands about the homeless and travelers that "blight" our city.

I get the feeling that there is a sizable local contingent that would just like to have the local gestapo forces round up all the homeless, put 'em in rail cars and ship 'em off to some "relocation camp."

Daniel Schlender Springfield

WOLVES IN DANGER

Politics, rather than science, are fueling the current state of affairs with wolves in Oregon. On Nov. 9, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission ruled to remove endangered species protections from the 80 or so wolves in the state of Oregon. Had this discussion revolved around any other species, a population of 80 individuals would not be considered a strong and sustainable population no longer in need of protection.

The ODFW count indicated 85 known wolves, but in the last three months alone, three wolves have been killed. Two "mysteriously" died about 50 feet from each other, the Sled Springs pair in northeast Oregon. They had pups from this past spring who will most likely not survive the winter on their own. The third wolf, who was radio-collared and had bright neon ear tags, was "mistaken for a coyote" and shot.

Empower yourself by joining with any number of the groups who are working diligently to protect wild animals and lands in our region. Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild, Center for Biological Diversity and Predator Defense are just a few such groups. You can also let ODFW Commission know how you feel about this at odfw.commission@state.or.us.

Karen B. Olch Eugene

WE MUST DO MORE

Peter Kugler writes in his Nov. 19 letter that, "At times it would seem that we are



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