

VOTED #1 BY EW READERS
2011-2014 BEST OF EUGENE
2014 BEST PLACE TO GET A DRINK
2010 BEST LATE 2010
2013-2014 BEST OF EUGENE

SPARKING DOWNTOWN REVIVAL SINCE 2002

- LOTS OF NINKASI
- PATIO SEATING
- DOWN HOME CHOW
- WALL ART
- PBR- CHEAP!
- GOOD DRINKS
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LETTERS

a species bent on our own destruction." So very true, as is the fact that we are also rapidly destroying all other species of flora and fauna on Earth.

In addition to nonstop human population growth (soon to reach nine billion), our eating habits are unquestionably playing a major role in this destruction. The general population — and especially environmentalists — are frequently heard to ponder "What will be left for the grandchildren?" But anyone who is truly concerned needs to seriously consider the one obvious change s/he can make as an individual to help counter this human-created disaster.

I watched the two-minute Citizens Climate Lobby video found in the link Kugler provided, and while CO2 emissions certainly contribute to climate change, other factors such as the methane produced by the ever-expanding, ever-polluting animal agriculture industry are even more insidious.

Lobbying politicians to create a system that promotes clean fuels — as Citizens Climate Lobby suggests — is laudable, but it is incumbent upon us all to do a lot more. See cowsspiracy.com.

Barb Lomow
 Eugene

POTENTIAL TERRORISTS

The Nov. 19 Slant column asks the question, "Are we afraid of Syrians because we truly think thousands of innocent people are actually terrorists?"

The answer is: "No — only that some of them might be."

Still, Gov. Kate Brown and other lefties want to "welcome them with open arms." Can we assume then that these "open arms" folks are willing to provide the funding to house, clothe, feed and educate the refugees?"

Didn't think so.

Meanwhile, we have a huge homeless problem. How about the governor and her liberal allies "opening their arms" to them instead?

Jerry Ritter
 Springfield

A BLIGHT ON EUGENE

I write regarding the letter Sept. 24 ("Ban the Camping Ban") on the homeless in Eugene. Having spent a few months in this fine city (I am a native of England) and having spent some time with the amazing people and places here, I am drawn to compare my homeland and the fantastic place where I now spend my time.

The situation of the homeless here is a blight on an otherwise positive landscape.

My understanding is that these young people who spend most of the daylight hours on the sidewalks of Eugene move from state to state and seem to find money for beer and weed, which makes me wonder if this is a lifestyle choice. This must impact the retail areas of the city, as shoppers are under pressure when walking around during work hours.

Please don't think I have no feeling for human suffering, but I am sure help is available for the ones who really want to progress.

Derek J Milburn
 Eugene

MORE CHEAP EATS

My favorite part of voting in the "Best of Eugene" categories is the "Worst Thing About EW." That being said, I really appreciate the coverage of veterans in the two issues around Veterans Day. My continual biggest surprise is in the "cheap eats" category. Before voting next time, check out El Super Burrito on South Willamette (near Off the Waffle).

Don French
 Eugene

THE IVORY TOWER

A parable: Once upon a time brutal philosopher thieves genocidally settled an expansive grassy hill nearby old forests, where they could see a stream entering the sea. They proceeded to clear a plat and construct a fortress. They measured and prepared, laid foundation stones and joined beams into a marvel of geometry, establishing an orchard enterprise with hay, grain and livestock herds.

As time passed and the founders grew prosperously old, the stream beneath the hillside loosened the slope. Imperceptably, the earthen base shifted. Their scions eventually noticed the inherited estate house had cracked stones, with beams and joists spreading apart. So they made reinforcements, walled off the cave-ins and added another floor for an even better view, with turrets and balconies.

As wealthy great-grandkids raised great-great grand kids, the slope slipped further as wood groaned under the load of additional stories. The architecture was strong and grandiose. Reinforcements were powerful and state of the art. But the hillside collapsed in a landslide and left everything wrecked in the water below.

No matter how stalwart and beautiful the ivory tower, no fixes upon deceitful foundations can prevent collapse by slow erosion of trickling truth. Let's build ourselves an honest foundation.

Mike McFadden
 Eugene

BAD OLD DAYS

I'm so tired of mostly men on social media saying they miss the "good old days." I want to ask them here what part of the "old day" they miss? Is it when the "man of the house" disciplined his wife and children as he saw fit and no one stepped in.

Maybe they miss when the man got the job and women just needed to get married and tend to their children. Or maybe when the state of Oregon's Constitution disallowed blacks to live in Oregon. Anyone remember the sundowner law?

Maybe they miss getting away with drunk driving or when pot possession was a felony for life? Or before the tree huggers put them out of work before cutting down the last 5 percent of the timber and shipping it overseas. Maybe they liked never seeing raptors flying the rivers due to DDT, etc. Do they miss wild salmon? Perhaps they might like a different country, maybe Russia or China for some good old-fashioned family values?

Marvin Davis
 Eugene