

# THIS MODERN WORLD

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to restore the honest transparency and accountability lacking in our current city government.

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## SUSPICIOUS OF VINIS

The timing of the mayor's interest in a dormant 2002 report regarding an auditor seems suspicious. Comparable cities have found the position meritorious and compellingly cost effective, but the rationale for a mayor's listening tour, i.e. "the community demands that we do better," is underwhelming.

Mayor Lucy Vinis' viewpoint suggest that a "cross section of the community" could very well conclude that the 2002 report is still an idea whose time has not come and thus not appropriate for the city.

Lane County and the EPD assessed the merits of a position and decisively acted. If a position with Lane County is acceptable to the mayor now, why wasn't a joint venture proposed when the position was created?

Could the unstated reason for the mayor's current motivation be the recent filing for a voter initiative to have a popularly elected auditor on the 2018 ballot who would work with the council to determine areas of study, evaluate performance, develop metrics to document achievements and strategies for improvement, but also be accountable to the citizens of Eugene?

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## MEAT IS NOT MURDER

I was blissfully unaware about your article about this food truck (Chow 6/15), but I read David A. Caruso's response to it, and I must say: David A. Caruso sounds like an elitist snob.

I won't raise the issue of factory farms, which everyone agrees is, more or less, appalling. I will take issue with Caruso's insistence upon human beings being herbivores. I can equally make the claim that they are omnivores — "all-eaters," with equal validity. After all, canines were meant for tearing flesh. Arthur C. Clarke, for one, posits that "man-apes" were well on their way to extinction by being strictly herbivores, and that their "switch" to an omnivorous diet saved them.

So get down off your high horse, Mr. Caruso; so you can be herd (pardon the pun), let alone understood.

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## SLAUGHTERHOUSE ZERO

It's ironic that the closure of three local slaughter facilities leads the *Eugene Weekly* to conclude that the "demand for locally raised meat has grown."

In reality, the demand for killing and consuming animals has decreased, locally and internationally, as we are increasingly educated and aware of the beneficial impact of plant-based food choices on the planet, the animals and ourselves.

Despite what the featured sheep farm-

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