

hopes of being a representative of our soldiers in the best way possible.

It is my intention to bring this discrepancy of the city of Springfield and the whole Emerald Valley for not realizing and repairing this disrespect. It is the paying of respect and honor to those that fought for all of us. It is also a time of teaching the young and all ages watching from the curbside how we have the freedom to sit there and watch in the first place.

Sasha Norris
Eugene

ON THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

Ban all dogs, ban their balls
Better yet, give them cameras
They'll catalogue and categorize those
That haven't bathed
Those that need more
Than a panel
A council of microphones amplifying
Small voices
Wealthy voices
Ban defecation. Ban the bladder
Better yet, propose an ordinance
Demanding those with incontinence
File form 63b.231A
To be placed
On a waiting list
For a care package
With toothbrushes
And scripture
And a fucking Snickers
Ban blankets. Ban rapid eye movement
Better yet, build a courtroom
Build ten
Twenty
Build a cell, build plenty
"We need more beds"
Ban yourself. Ban the hungry
Better yet, give them our money
Place life above business
I'm disgusted
Ashamed
Embarrassed.

Samuel Mitchell
Eugene

AN URGENT PLEA

As a student at the University of Oregon who came from China and spent four years in Eugene, I am delighted to acknowledge that we have passed a statewide ban on plastic grocery bags. Yet it is vital to see what more we can do about foam cups and containers.

Polystyrene can never degrade by itself; instead, it only gets smaller and smaller, which is a potential threat for all wild animals and marine creatures. Moreover, it will eventually harm the ecosystem. In this sense, it is urgent to ban single-use plastics.

Yanzhen Shi
Eugene

SHITTY ENERGY

Mailers were sent recently to users of NW Natural Gas encouraging enrollment in Smart Energy (the capture of methane from cow manure). I advise customers not to be seduced by the company's rhetoric. Research will reveal that, contrary to the tranquil pastoral scene depicted

on the mailer, the cows used in the process are confined to cement stalls.

Bio energy production is one of the fastest growing alternative energy sources. Increasing numbers of farmers are investing in these projects, including some close to home.

Using alternative energy sources is undeniably necessary and progressive but to abandon animal welfare would be unconscionably regressive.

For struggling farmers who are now farming sustainably, the prospect of partnering with a biogas company for economic gain would be a temptation.

But this would mean the abandonment of humane farming for a factory farm based system. I urge NW Natural Gas customers to consider these facts before enrolling in Smart Energy.

Diane Johnson
Eugene

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Love the idea in bright orange letters: "No Election Too Small" (EW 5/2). Local elections make a major difference in our lives and keep the good habit of voting alive. But of course we don't have to wait for elections to exercise our rights in a

democracy.

Right now you can help bring about the AIDS-free generation by making sure your representatives vote continued funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Having lives around the world, the Global Fund strengthens health care systems, helps keep girls in school, and supports local work against these three pandemics. Our calls and letters can convince our representatives that this life-saving work matters.

Willie Dickerson
Snohomish



OUR LEGACY

40 MILLION TREES AND COUNTING



SENECA

Our legacy is growing

Pictured: Co-owner Becky Jones planting a tree with the youngest members of her family; Ava (5), Jake (6), and Parker (8).

This year, Seneca's 40 millionth tree was planted by three generations of the Jones family, including the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Seneca founder Aaron Jones. Seneca is proud to be cultivating a legacy of innovation, sustainable forestry, and renewable building materials for the communities of today—and tomorrow.

Oregon is the #1 lumber-producing state, and yet, today, there are more trees in Oregon than there were 100 years ago.