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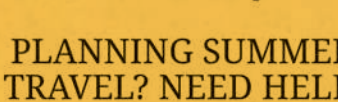
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OPINION

letters

Help the Kittens

There's a little thrift store tucked away on River Road that's been saving cats and dogs since the late 1990s. It's called S.A.R.A. (Shelter Animal Resource Alliance), and it does lifesaving work.

Currently they work with special needs cats who are at risk of being euthanized. They spay and neuter every cat that comes their way and provide veterinary care, food and all the love these cats and kittens could ever want. They fund all of this amazing work through their nonprofit thrift store, S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, where they sell new and gently used clothes and all sorts of knickknacks, like books and jewelry.

I love shopping at S.A.R.A., their prices are absurdly cheap, and I'm always finding something special there. S.A.R.A. goes through all their donations individually to give you the best, most unique finds in town for low prices. Shopping at S.A.R.A. saves lives; You get more than just a new pretty shirt, with every purchase you are also fundraising for more kitties to be adopted and go on to live in happy homes. To get involved: volunteer, donate, shop, adopt.

Learn how at SarasTreasures.org or follow S.A.R.A. on social media — Facebook. [com/sarastreasures](https://www.facebook.com/sarastreasures) and [@shelteranimalresourcealliance](https://www.instagram.com/shelteranimalresourcealliance) on Instagram

Lakshmi Ahluwalia

Eugene

place, the more the trash accumulates. This can include used syringes and dog feces.

Even when there's a refuse container nearby that can be used, more often I've witnessed an unwillingness to use it, but rather the habit of leaving it on the street, parking strip, sidewalk, in bushes, alleys, pathways, parks, river bank and in Amazon creek. Although residents are weary of it, most seem reluctant to talk openly about this issue, as we're afraid to appear uncaring, so these campsites are reported to the city quietly.

While it's true that broken capitalism is the cause for what's happening, for the short term I'm wondering if it's possible to effectively communicate this problem of refuse within the unhoused community and solutions found, so we can live together with more welcome, respect and stability.

Bob Boender

Eugene

I Have a Question

Los Angeles is under siege by the federal government. Here in Eugene, immigrants have been arrested by ICE while attending their check-ins at the ICE field office downtown. On June 11, over 1,000 Eugenes took to the streets peacefully to protest this and to stand in solidarity with the people of L.A. Eugene as a community will not stand Trump's racist assault on our neighbors.

Eugene as a city government, though?
I'm not so sure.

I asked the City Council June 9 about the Flock cameras going up and their reported vulnerability to ICE and other federal agencies, and about how they would uphold state sanctuary laws and stand up to the federal government if they tried to do here what they did in California. I asked for an answer that night, but I only heard silence.

What I did hear, however, was City Manager Sarah Medary talking at a city work session about being concerned about protests this weekend, but not about the threat of ICE raids in Eugene! I don't feel like I hear a sanctuary city talking. I hear a city that's more worried about stifling dissent than protecting its people.

It's the Trash

In my neighborhood of Whiteaker, as I volunteer to pick up trash on the streets and sidewalks, over the last few years I've been experiencing a waning empathy for the unhoused, as their constant discard of trash appears to be their signature.

The camping itself doesn't bother me, but rather the trash. As city employees actively evict the unhoused and their campsites, I've noticed that there's less to pick up. The longer campsites remain in one

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

LOS ANGELES IS A DISASTER ZONE! IT'S SHEER **CHAOS!** KURT RUSSELL IS RUNNING AROUND WITH AN EYE-PATCH AND A GUN! I SAW IT ON THE NEWS LAST NIGHT!

ER, THAT MAY HAVE BEEN JOHN CARPENTER'S "ESCAPE FROM L.A." SIR.

NEVER CORRECT ME, SMILING GUY.

SORRY.

SIR, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT! WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE IS AN **INSURRECTION!** THEY ARE DEFEYING YOUR RIGHTFUL **AUTHORITY!** THE CITY IS OUT OF **CONTROL!**

IT'S AN **INVASION--**OF PEOPLE WHO ALREADY **LIVE** HERE!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TALK TO HEGSETH ABOUT THAT. SO IF IT ALL GOES SIDWAYS, I CAN BLAME THE DRUNK.

WE NEED **YOUR** SIGNATURE, SIR. BUT JUST THINK OF IT! WE'LL ERADICATE YOUR ENEMIES LIKE THE VERMIN THEY ARE! YOUR MOST FLEETING WHIM WILL BE **LAW!** PUTIN WILL FINALLY **RESPECT** YOU!!

WILL THERE BE GIANT GOLD STATUES OF **TRUMP?**

AS MANY AS YOU WANT, SIR.

A...VERY CREATIVE SUGGESTION, SIR.

AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER...

THAT'S IT! I'VE **DONE** IT! I WILL MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN IF I HAVE TO **BURN** IT TO THE **GROUND!**

THAT CAN ABSOLUTELY BE ARRANGED, SIR.