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For The Art of Stewardship

As the host of KLCC's arts review program, *Viz City*, I spend a great deal of time thinking about how to translate the visual experience into words. I want to offer a professional "bravo" to Ellie Johnson for her recent feature, "The Art of Stewardship" (Feb. 26).

Covering a retrospective as massive as James Lavadour's *Land of Origin* is a daunting task for any journalist. While I recently explored this same exhibition through the lens of radio, I found Johnson's written profile of the relationship between Lavadour and curator Danielle Knapp to be an essential companion piece.

This kind of thoughtful, behind-the-scenes reporting is vital to our community. It reveals that art isn't just something that hangs on a wall; rather, it illuminates the entire ecosystem of artists and curators working to shape that art into a living stewardship of our Northwest history.

Thank you, *Eugene Weekly*, for committing the space to this kind of high-caliber arts journalism.

Sandy Brown Jensen
Eugene

Thoughts On Amazon Facility

A primary Amazon project is same-day delivery. This will step up the pressure that Amazon delivery has been putting on FedEx, UPS and the United States Postal Service. The new facility being built near the airport is clearly part of that plan. The goal is to build warehouses near enough

to every reasonable sized city to make such efficient delivery easy and to do so as cheaply as possible.

Amazon will probably pay no taxes to Oregon. It will create nothing and collect no money here; it is likely to have negotiated a 10-year property tax abatement, shovel ready preparation of the land, connecting roads, sewer, water, electricity, etc. and will pay half what residential customers do for electricity.

In other words, we taxpayers will fund much of their building costs and will be helping to put the post office out of business. The jobs involved will be mostly entry-level, will probably involve unhealthy night-shift work, and the company is anti-union. Amazon has no real interest in Eugene, and will probably encourage its managers, as most larger corporations do, to live elsewhere so that they feel no need to contribute. The new warehouse is more likely to be a drag on than a boost to the economy.

Alan Cohen
Eugene

Vote YES!

I am writing in support of Measure 20-373, Protect Lane County Watersheds. This measure will be on our ballots on May 19. I'm well aware that corporate America, especially the timber industry, is going to spend big bucks on billboards and mailings to try and convince people to vote against the measure. If we manage to pass it, then it will almost certainly be challenged in court.

The fact that in our country, corporate rights have more weight than people's rights really bothers me. Corporations have the right to make money and we are not allowed to infringe on that.

This measure to Protect Lane County Watersheds could wind its way all the way to the Supreme Court and then be cast aside because "We the People" don't have the right to keep toxins out of our water or out of our environment — that's

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by TOM TOMORROW

SIR, OUR ONGOING PROJECT TO MAKE LIFE WORSE FOR EVERYONE IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY IS SUCCEEDING BEYOND OUR WILDEST EXPECTATIONS!

ZZZZ--SNORT--WHAT? I'M AWAKE! I WASN'T UP ALL NIGHT RAGE POSTING!

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE'VE JUST LAUNCHED A NEW WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR NO APPARENT REASON! WE HAVEN'T EVEN BOTHERED TO PROVIDE A CONCEPT OF A PLAUSIBLE JUSTIFICATION!

WHY SHOULD I KEEP PRETENDING TO GIVE A CRAP ABOUT PEACE WHEN THEY WON'T GIVE ME THAT DAMN PRIZE?

HERE AT HOME, WE'RE ARBITRARILY WITHHOLDING MEDICAID PAYMENTS FROM MINNESOTA, WHICH SHOULD REALLY DISRUPT HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES THERE!

I LOVE AMERICA, SMILING GUY--I JUST HATE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE!

MEANWHILE, ICE IS CONTINUING THEIR CAMPAIGN OF DOMESTIC TERROR! THEY'RE STOCKPILING MILITARY GRADE WEAPONS! THEY'VE GOT A CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR CHILDREN!

SECRET MASKED POLICE ARE THE HALLMARK OF A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY, MANY PEOPLE ARE SAYING!

AND THEN THERE'S BOBBY'S CRUSADE AGAINST VACCINES! YOUR STUBBORN REFUSAL TO GIVE UP ON TARIFFS! AND YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE OBAMACARE!

OBAMA WILL RUE THE DAY HE MOCKED ME AT THAT CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER!

AND WHO EVEN KNOWS WHAT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF THIS NEW WAR WILL BE! I DON'T THINK ANY OTHER PRESIDENT HAS EVER DONE SO MUCH DAMAGE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME!

I MAY BE AN OLD MAN ON THE VERGE OF DEATH--BUT BY GOD, HISTORY WILL NEVER FORGET TRUMP!

OF THIS WE CAN BE CERTAIN, SIR!

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