



## Letters to the Editor

### Eat and Be Eaten?

Your recent splendid article entitled “Your Hometown & the United Nations’ Agenda 21” (February 21 issue) on the United Nations’ “Earth Summit” in Rio de Janeiro, 1992, and on the damage that a byproduct of that get-together called Agenda 21 has wrought in the United States, forgot to mention one decisive argument. This was brought to my attention by the publication *Wheat Life*, of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers. Joan Veon of Maryland was at Rio and said the “dominion mandate” — man’s stewardship over the Earth — was rejected as *speciesism*. All species were declared equal, especially endangered species. Wolves, elephants, coyotes, skunks, bears, turtles, and owls have as many rights as humans.

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### Agenda 21 Is Happening Here

The cover story of the February 21 issue on Agenda 21 was very timely and informative.

Many of our local citizens have been inquiring about somewhat vague references appearing within the local comprehensive plan. Terms such as “living wage,” “biodiversity,” “sustainability,” “sea-level rise,” and “climate change” appear, used in a vague manner and without application to local concerns. Inquiries as to the origins of those terms seem to be stonewalled by the local county supervisor.

Although Mr. DeWeese of the American Policy Center has been a great help in shedding light on the significance of what has been happening locally, the piece in *The New American* verifies our suspicions.

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### Busted by the Unions

I graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in the early '70s. I immediately started working for Consolidated Edison, the electric provider for the city of New York, a huge unionized company. I worked at the main headquarters of Con Edison at 14th Street and Irving Place, Manhattan, in the property records division.

Blueprints from the field would be sent to our office so that records of new or disconnected service could be updated. Hundreds arrived every day. It never stopped.

Being the ambitious, new employee, I dove right in. I was able to easily complete 50 or so blueprints per day. So could anyone with a brain.

Before the first week ended, I was approached by my fellow workers and told to slow down. You see, I was making the rest of them look bad. How could the new guy complete 50 blueprints daily when all the veterans were only doing 10?

The veterans, by the way, were being paid double and triple what I was making. Why? Simply because they had been there for years, and the union demanded it — demanded that they were rewarded just for



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showing up year after year, even if they were dead wood, not for performance.

The attitude in that department was pathetic: Do as little as you can possibly get away with, and if management tries to intervene, run to the union rep and claim discrimination.

This practice was rampant throughout the company. A field technician (lineman) told me he was also approached by the union and told to slow down.

I looked around the office at my older coworkers, at the miserable attitudes that they had. I did not want to become one of them.

And I would have become one of them if I stayed. It's inevitable. Being part of a union does that to the soul. There is no reason to excel when C- or D gets rewarded. Large segments of our country have been, for a long time, operating at a C- or D — the reason? Unions! And then add affirmative action! Catastrophic.

Who pays for all this unproductiveness? All of us do when we get our inflated electric bill. All of us do when our property taxes increase year after year to fund another bloated union debacle called the Department of Education. All of us do when we pay our ever-increasing federal, state, city, and sales taxes to fund thousands of unionized, useless government agencies.

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