

I will find something else to eat

Dear Editor:

I feel that I am a responsible adult. I have taught my children not to litter and I have made sure that my car passed all the emission inspections. I have signed petitions to reduce off shore oil drilling and I always vote to increase the pollution regulations put on major factories. I thought I was doing my part.

I was horrified by the recent disaster in Alaska and haven't used aerosol cans for years. I have even organized groups of my neighborhood children to clean local parks and the streets.

But I didn't know that every drink from a styrofoam cup contributes to the further destruction of the earth's ozone layer. I found out styrofoam is one of the major sources of the CFSs or chlorofluorocarbons which are depleting the ozone. No more coffee to go.

I have heard about the greenhouse effect due to the destruction of the Amazon rainforests but I didn't know that had anything to do with taking the kids out for burgers. I just found out that US burgers are made with South American beef (because it's cheap). I didn't know that the forests are being destroyed by cancer-causing pesticides and herbicides which are banned in the US so the cows can be raised for fast food.

The Institute of Ecosystem Studies reported that every hamburger produced with South American beef represents the destruction of about 55 square feet of rainforest. (I guess we'll find another favorite food).

"Man has reached the potential capacity to destroy the planet. He must be pushed on up to the capability and actions of saving it. It is, after all, what we're standing on," writes L. Ron Hubbard, author of Dianetics.

I guess I have a few more things in my lifestyle to change. I hope you do, too.

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