Retired Eugene couple enjoys spreading their message

By VANESSA SALVIA

Two Eugene residents have dedicated themselves to fighting for animals in unexpected ways. Lin Silvan, 69, and her husband Robert Jacobucci, 76, are dedicated themselves to fighting for animals. Jacobucci, 76, is the son of the founder of Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlors, shocked the world with his commitment to veganism in 1991, in large part after reading a book by John Robbins, published in 1991, in large part after reading "Diet for a New America."

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