

Letters

Commitment

Peter DeFazio's commitment to open field congressional offices in Roseburg and Coos Bay shows he's not only concerned about those people who live in Lane County, but he's also concerned about those of us who do not.

I have met Peter, and I found him to be knowledgeable of and willing to fight for those issues we are most concerned about: enhancing our timber-based economy and keeping our jobs here at home, removing the strangling red tape that is choking our fishing fleet, restoring what used to be a prosperous domestic fish-processing industry, and fighting for federal funds to improve our roads and ports.

Peter's willingness to open local congressional offices shows he will not take anyone for granted.

I'm voting for Peter DeFazio on Nov. 4.

Marilyn Riddle
Brookings

Save money

One of the toughest things to do in this day and age is to save money. You can't get anywhere economically if you don't save. That is why I say foodstamps should be tied to saving money to help this nation's poor.

Each month, in order to receive foodstamps, a recipient

would be required to deposit a small sum in his bank account. Each month millions of bank accounts would grow. This nation's poor must begin saving money or their children are destined to grow up in poverty.

Pete Fina
Economics

Won't pay

I love America. And because I love America, I'm going to do something that most people are fearful of doing.

I am going to refuse to participate in the production of nuclear weapons that will eventually destroy America. I'm also going to refuse to participate in the war against Nicaragua.

We as a nation need to start working out peaceful solutions to our problems with the USSR and other nations instead of resorting to violence. I may not be able to stop any of this madness, but I sure can refuse to participate in it.

I pay between \$2,500 to \$3,000 in federal taxes which provides money for the production of nuclear weapons. As of this year I am donating that money to charities. I know that I may eventually go to prison, but I'd rather do that than continue to willingly give my money to a government that uses violence to solve problems rather than seeking peaceful solutions.

I am ashamed that I haven't done this before.

Katherine Johnson
Eugene

Surprise

If we must have drug testing, let's at least store "positive" test specimens in the same types of containers that confiscated drugs are stored in. That way undesirables sneaking out of police stations with "evidence" might be in for a surprise.

Tim Jaques
Undeclared

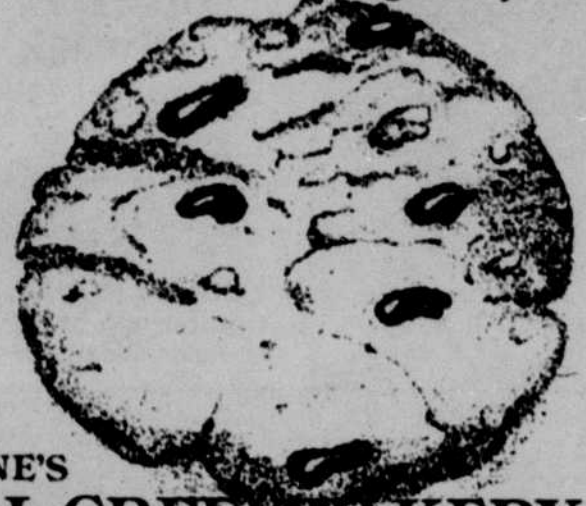
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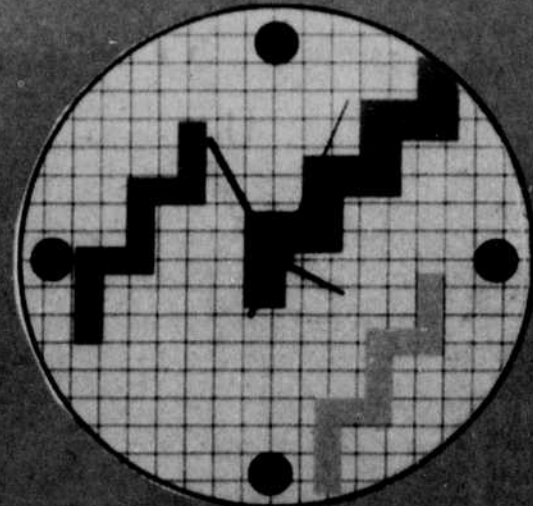
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