

Letters

Shot at

On Friday, Oct. 3 I was riding home from work and I was shot on 15th Avenue and Alder Street by someone with a BB-gun. Most people who use BB-guns believe that the shot is not powerful enough to penetrate the skin and only bounces off. However, that is not the case, and I have a BB pellet lodged a half inch into the back of my leg to prove it.

I expect that the person responsible was only aiming at various targets with only fun and mild shock in mind, not thinking that a BB-gun could inflict a dangerous wound. I now have a piece of metal in the back of my leg and I have heard reports of another person suffering from a similar shot lodged two inches deep in his calf muscle. Such a shot is becoming more and more dangerous.

I am writing this complaint

for two reasons: One, I want to inform whomever responsible that the use of a BB-gun can seriously wound a person and I hope he will stop shooting at people. The other reason is that I am sure I am not alone in being shot at. I suspect that several other people were also shot at last Friday, or on other occasions. My hope is that more people will take the responsibility to report similar incidences to the police as I have, so that we can stop other people from being hurt.

Stuart Fleming
Eugene

Campaign

As a registered voter, I take pride in the fact that I have the privilege to choose individuals, laws and policies to represent me in our government. I am angered not only for the fact that eligible citizens do not take

advantage of this privilege, but when they do use the power to vote they do not carefully balance the issues and the individuals to make the best choice. People are often influenced by campaign strategies rather than what the issues are.

In the 4th district U.S. Congressional race, Peter Defazio has continuously led a negative campaign, constantly attacking his opponent Bruce Long rather than giving a realistic picture of what Mr. Defazio himself can do for the people of the 4th district. Bruce Long is dedicated, honest and sincere without having to attack his opponent to convey his campaign.

After weighing the issues carefully and looking beyond Mr. Defazio's questionable campaign strategies, my vote will go to Bruce Long on Nov. 4th.

Melissa Smigley
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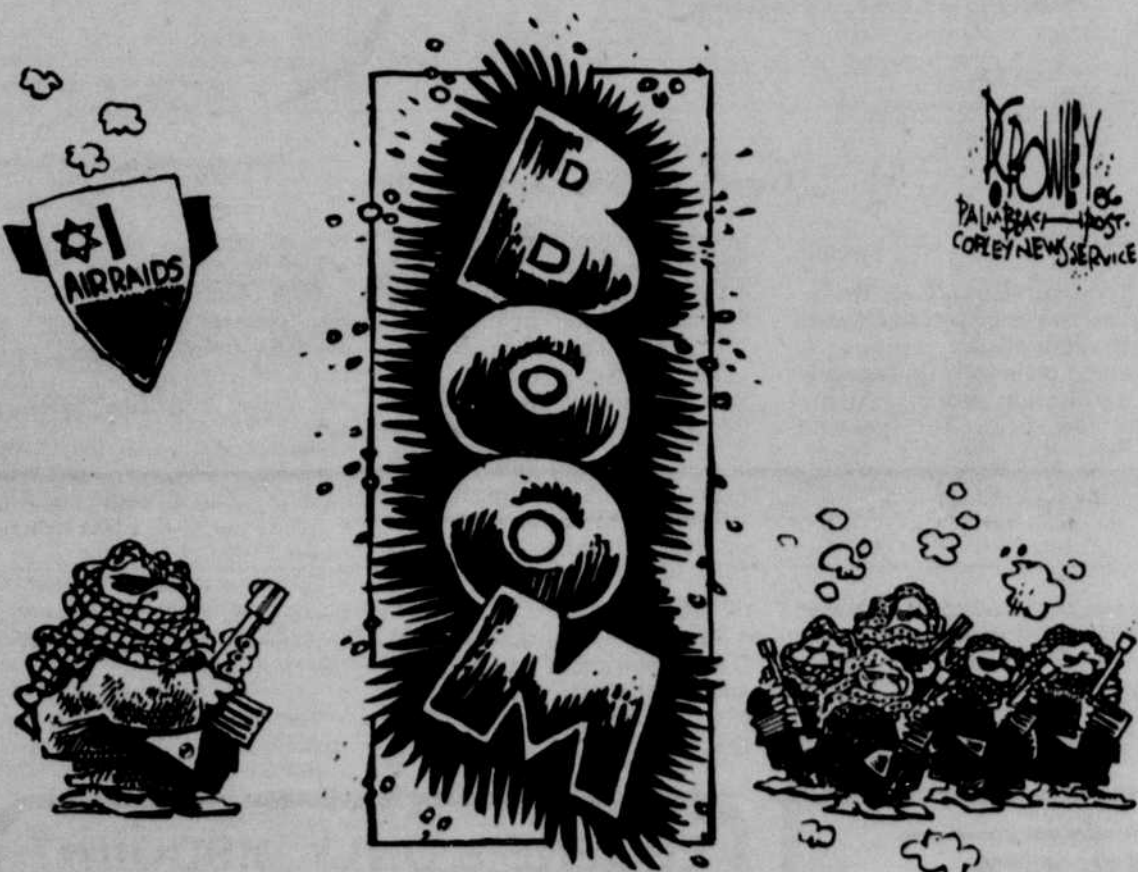
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