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In a (Girls') State



Magen Dodge assists Heather Stone in lowering the flag at Girls' State, a week-long program designed to teach high school juniors about government. Boys' State took place two weeks ago.

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Students can travel cheaply this summer

Travel: 'Buy one, get one free' airfare bargains abound to lure summer flyers

By Lia Saliccia
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For those of you who have not accepted the fact that you are stuck in Eugene all summer, there are inexpensive travel packages that are just itching to be taken advantage of.

Numerous "buy one, get one free" deals await you at travel agencies around town. All Ways Travel, located in the EMU, offers several such deals.

Someone buying a round-trip ticket from Eugene to Reno, Los Angeles, Las Vegas or the Bay Area can receive another round trip ticket for free. Flights from Portland to Las Vegas, Los Angeles or the Bay Area also apply.

Don't fall out of your seat yet; there's more. A round trip flight from Eugene to San Francisco is now \$112, plus tax, and a flight from Portland to Los Angeles is \$158. If that sounds too mundane, keep in mind that a trip to Disneyland is an option to cure the summertime blues. Right now, All Ways offers a package that allows kids to go for free.

COMMUNITY

Residents explain opposition to failed library measure

Priorities: Citizens say other needed services must take precedence

By Don Reynolds
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Is there a new library in Eugene's future?

Not until the city provides basic public safety services city-wide and balances its budget, said West Eugene residents at a sometimes heated town hall meeting on Monday.

"We have to take care of balancing the budget, number one, and after that's done we have to have equal fire and emergency response time across the city," said Arthur Shapiro, who spearheaded the resistance to Measure 20-09, which was defeated

in the May 17 election.

In an effort to develop a funding strategy, the city council formed a committee to investigate methods of funding a library and the other services 20-09 addressed and to develop a proposal to bring before voters in September or November.

To get more input, three city councilors — who also sit on the finance strategy committee — are attending a series of town hall meetings. Councilors Bobby Green and Nancy Nathanson, who represent wards that voted heavily against Measure 20-09, are trying to find out what residents want the city to do about the library and other services.

Green's Ward 6, which encompasses the Bethel-Danebo

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'Generation X' label is a creation of the media, some young people say

Twentysomething: Hardworking members of the generation say the 'slacker' label just doesn't fit

By Gayle Forman
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

The Generation Xers: They're an easy bunch to spot. They fall somewhere between the ages of 18 and 30. They don't do much. They like to sit around on worn sofas wearing second-hand clothes, drinking coffee and watching television.

They are well-educated, but nevertheless, they work mindless service jobs — if they work at all. They don't like to make decisions, nor are they very ambitious. They are cynical, lazy, scared — yet eerily sophisticated.

Don't offer them well-paying jobs; they're not interested. A spouse? A family? No thank you, not just yet.

Breast-fed on television and weaned on Ronald Reagan, the children of the 1970s have carved out a reputation for being a disenfranchised lot as young people who can no longer attain the lifestyle that their parents lived and who don't want that lifestyle either.

They are jaded, confused youngsters who aren't interested in baby boomer culture. They would rather live in their own cultural wasteland. They are the Generation Xers, the Baby Busters, and the Slackers. They are the empty generation.

Or so the media would have you believe.

Many alleged Gen Xers feel the tag that has been bestowed upon their generation is a complete and utter fabrication. Today's young people are not so different from any generation, they claim, but rather the media have taken hold of the Generation X myth to exploit a new market. In doing so, the media have created a mythical generation of whining losers.

The Gen X fuss began in the summer of 1990 when *Time* magazine published a story profiling the new breed of twentysomethings. The article described a generation of cautious cynics who would rather climb a mountain than climb a corporate ladder.

Time painted a picture of a group who were relatively unconcerned with financial success and wary about making personal com-

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