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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

politically motivated and absurdly long sentence.

Jerome Garger
Yachats

SHOWING APPRECIATION

Not enough do we show gratitude for all that we have, living in this magnificent area. As summer is here, I thought I might list a few of the wonderful things that are part of our community:

Spencer Butte, the bike path, Dorris Ranch, Mount Pisgah, Amazon Pool, the WOW Hall, The Riverridge Trail, the ocean, Cougar Hot Springs, Alton Baker Park, the library, local organic stores, the Farmers Markets, the Saturday Market, the Oregon Country Fair, and all the wonderful, amazing people who love this community.

May all of you enjoy all these wonders as much as my kids, dog and myself will this summer. We are Blessed.

Darcy Haapapa
Eugene

FRANK OPINIONS

In response to "Stuck in Eugene" letter (6/23): You are absolutely right, Emily. When it comes to jobs, Eugene SUCKS. Eugene is a "class" society mired in its conflicts and doomed to go nowhere. If you are not in the right class — you are out of luck.

In response to the "Ill-fated WEP" letter (6/23): Sorry Rob — the WEP will go through. The career bureaucrats want it that way and they have the manpower, the

budget and all the time in the world — you don't.

In response to Kera Abraham's story (6/23) on school drop-outs: We spend an enormous amount of money on "free" education. And then these yo-yos drop out. Anyone who does not graduate from high school or get an equivalent education should be denied a driver's license until they are 25 or 30. Students should be told this when they enter ninth grade.

Frank Skipton
Springfield

EDUCATION NEEDED

While the FDA stalls on approving over-the-counter status for Plan B, women must act to promote the use of emergency contraception to prevent unplanned pregnancy. Less than 25 percent of OB/GYNs and family practice physicians talk about emergency contraception when speaking with their patients about birth control, and only 6 percent of American women report having used emergency contraception. We must educate the public about emergency contraception and its 89 percent efficacy in preventing pregnancy when taken within three days of intercourse.

We also need to encourage women to talk to their health care providers about obtaining a prescription ahead of time for use in case of emergency. This way, women are prepared to prevent an unwanted pregnancy after an accident or an assault.

Finally, women should reach out to pharmacists in their communities and

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